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CHINA PROPER.

A NATIONALIST PROPOSAL.

"PRACTICAL PARTITION."

Party's Suggestion To Avert Open Split.

DIVISION OF POWER THE REAL ISSUE.

Practical if not political partition of the greater part of China Proper is suggested as the basis of a projected understanding which, the sponsors hope, will be the means of averting an open split in the Nationalist Party.

One or two groups are working for a solution of the troubles in the Nationalist camp. The only real issue is—division of power. It is hoped to settle all differences by marking out the various provinces for each group in the Party and then concentrating on another advance against the Peking Government.

The Kwangsi military leaders now holding the two Kwang provinces are, according to the plan, to have their scope enlarged. On the other hand, the Nanking faction is to carry on with the War.

"KWANG" SITUATION.

The basis of understanding proposed by mediators in the Nationalist Party is, briefly, as follows:—

1.—Canton Government: Generals Li Chai-sum and Wong Shiu-hung, and General Chen Ming-chu who has just joined them, to have control of Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Kweichow and Yunnan provinces.

The Ironsides, who have been expelled from Kwangtung by Generals Li Chai-sum and Wong Shiu-hung, to be sent to Nanking for service at the front.

Nanking Assignment.

2.—Wu-Han faction: General Pei Chung-hsi (a friend of Canton) and General Cheng Chien, with one or two other Generals now supporting them, to have control of Hunan and Hupeh provinces.

3.—Nanking Government: Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, with the goodwill (or actual support) of the two groups (mentioned above) which now oppose him, to push on with the campaign against the Peking Government, and to sever all connection with Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the Leftists, Pinks and Reds.

Presumed Side-Issues.

Presumably, the "Christian General" and General Yen Hsi-shan of Shansi province will still be treated as allies in the North, and the proposed division of territory does not concern them. Kiangsi province will remain also semi-independent, under General Chu Pei-teh. Fukien, Chekiang, Kiangsu and Anhui provinces to be ruled by partisans of Chiang Kai-shek.

Such a solution might be acceptable to Canton, if not to Nanking. It will tend to ensure peace in Nationalist China for a few months at least and the situation in South China should benefit because the possibility of war will become more remote.

What is Being Done Now.

Meanwhile, Chiang Kai-shek is taking the active command into his hands. His best lieutenant, General Ho Ying-ching, is reported by the "Kung Sheung Yat Po" to have been relieved of his command and appointed chief of staff. Changes affecting several army corps and divisions are made, the result—if correctly reported—indicating that Chiang Kai-shek is not satisfied with being the figurehead and that he will attempt to lay down the law to a large number of armed men.

General Chen Ta-shun, his former supporter at Canton, who took his army into Fukien overland, is reported as about to embark with his army for Shanghai to join Chiang Kai-shek.

"Reorganising Plans."

Chiang Kai-shek left Nanking for Hsuehchow on Feb. 9, says the "Shanghai Times," to inspect the Nationalist troops at the front. He was accompanied by his staff and bodyguards.

Chinese newspapers in Shanghai report that the debacle which apparently has been reached in the north Kiangsu sector, which

sees the Nationalist drive at a standstill while the Northern forces apparently are gaining ground, is the reason for Chiang Kai-shek's trip. He will confer with the front line commanders with the object of re-organising the military plans.

TWO CAMPAIGNS.

Wu-Han Nationalist Armies Engaged.

Hostilities along the upper Yangtze River, in the south-east of Hupeh province, are reported from two areas.

In both cases, one side of the fighting forces is furnished by Nationalist troops of the Wu-Han faction, which is friendly with the Canton Government and is opposed to the Nationalist central Government at Nanking.

From Ichang, 370 miles above Hankow, some of the Nationalists have begun operations against the adventurer, General Yang Sen of Szechuan, says a British Naval wireless report. Fighting is expected above Ichang.

Attack on Hunanese.

Near Shasi, 237 miles above Hankow, the 2nd Army of the Wu-Han Nationalists (under General Lu Ti-ping) has commenced operations against the 35th Hunanese Army under General Ho Chien. The Hunanese were ousted from Hankow by the Wu-Han Nationalists and now support Chiang Kai-shek and Nanking. Fighting has begun 50 miles below Shasi, at a point on which the Hunanese retired when first forced out of Hankow.

Admiral Chen of the Nationalist Navy is giving material assistance to the 2nd Army and is sending two gunboats from Yochow to attack the Hunanese.

Gunboat Asked For.

Another message says that bandits have been causing much trouble in the neighbourhood of Shasi. The 35th Hunanese Army, presumably prior to the beginning of hostilities, asked the Nationalist Government at Nanking to send a gunboat up the Yangtze to help in suppressing the bandits. If a gunboat is sent, however, it may be used by the Hunanese in the war with the Wu-Han Nationalists.

What a General Says.

One of the Wu-Han Nationalist leaders, General Cheng Chien, is quoted below:—

Hankow, Feb. 8.

In an address made before the public who had gathered at a meeting during communication week at Changsha, General Cheng Chien pointed out the fact that some members of the central committees at Nanking are actually communicating with Communists.

"A Friend of Peking."

He denounced Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in the same address, saying that Chiang Kai-shek had appointed many of his followers to important posts in the Government. In order to establish his influence, that he is expanding his armies by means of foreign loans, and that he is secretly connected with Marshal Chang Tso-lin of the Peking Government through the medium of

RECORD DAMAGES?

\$8,000,000 Allotted American.

THE DUKE ESTATE.

Dispute Over Aluminium Exploitation Deal.

Newark, Yesterday. Probably the largest damages ever allotted to an individual plaintiff were awarded George D. Haskell, a New England manufacturer, whom the jury directed to be paid \$8,000,000 from the estate of James B. Duke, the late tobacco king.

Evidence was given that Duke promised to back Haskell in exploiting huge aluminium properties in the United States and Canada, but then sold out to an "aluminium trust."

Haskell claimed damages of \$15,000,000, but sued for \$45,000,000 under the Federal anti-trust law authorising triple damages for losses resulting from conspiracy and restraint of trade.

Counsel for Haskell will now move the court to increase the award to \$24,000,000 under this law.—Reuter's American Service.

PREMIER EXPLAINS.

RUBBER COMMITTEE AND THE INDUSTRY.

"EVERY CONSIDERATION."

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Mr. Baldwin said that before any announcement was made the Colonial Office was confidentially informed by the Advisory Committee on the Stevenson restriction scheme that the Government had decided to examine the scheme. Neither the Advisory Committee nor the industry could properly have been consulted at that stage, but a full opportunity would be given to representatives of the industry to submit their views to the committee.

He added it was not usual for the Cabinet to give details of Cabinet committees' procedure and emphasised the last thing the Government wished to do was anything likely to cause stress to the rubber industry.

When they had to form opinion on the report of the committee they would give every consideration to the position of the industry.

Mr. E. T. C. Campbell suggested that a sudden change in arrangement might cost the Treasury a great deal of money.

Mr. Baldwin said he was familiar with the point, which would be watched.—Reuter.

OPIUM CONVENTION.

LEAGUE MEMBERS NOT YET RATIFIED.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, replying to questions Comdr. Locker-Lampson said the Geneva Opium Convention of 1925 had not yet been enforced because three out of the seven ratifications by members of the council of the League were still lacking. The Government was doing its best to encourage the other countries to ratify.—Reuter.

THE WU PARTY.

Ceylon Tour Cancelled: Europe Instead.

Colombo, Yesterday.

The Chinese Nationalist tourists have decided to cancel their Ceylon programme and continue the voyage to Europe. No reason for the change has been given.—Reuter.

(Note: Dr. C. C. Wu (ex-Foreign Minister), Mr. Hu Han-min (a former head of the Kwangtung Government) and Mr. Sun Fo (ex-Finance Minister) are the leaders of the party. They were paid \$50,000 each by the Nationalist Government for their travels. At Singapore, an alleged Cantonese Communist is stated to have confessed to trying to kill them. None of the party was wounded.)

BETWEEN TWO TRAMS

Fire Brigade Engine Wedged.

FIREMEN INJURED.

Engine Then Mounts Pavement Outside Hotel.

The busiest centre of the city at the busiest time of the day—the Des Vaux Road, Chater Road and Pedder Street junction at 9 a.m.—was to-day the scene of an accident which might have had far more serious consequences if the pavement on the Hotel side of the Pedder Street junction had not providentially been clear at the time.

One of the Fire Brigade engines was returning from early morning drill back to the Fire Station along Chater Road when, at the junction of the three roads, it got wedged in between two tram cars, No. 18 going East and No. 53 going West.

Apparently the fire engine driver considered he was able to pass between the two tram-cars and on to the left of Des Vaux Road before the cars closed up, either anticipating a slowing up of the cars or judging he had room to pass.

Passing in front of tram-car No. 18, the fire engine was caught by the latter and forced on to tram-car No. 53, doing considerable damage to the front of the two tram-cars and damaging the mudguards, hose box, fire escape ladder and running-board of the fire engine.

Two Injured.

Two of the firemen received injuries as the result of the dual collision, one being thrown violently to the ground but fortunately clear of the three vehicles.

The fire engine, not being able to clear the tram-car sufficiently to take the bend into Des Vaux Road, mounted the pavement outside the demolished portion of the old Hotel (through the extreme arch on the Des Vaux Road side of the corner) but was pulled up in time to avoid a crash into the wall.

The Fire Brigade ambulance was quickly brought to the scene and the two injured men were taken to the Government Civil Hospital. Both sustained injuries to the head, the fireman who was thrown to the ground being seriously hurt and the other suffering chiefly from cuts and bruises. Both were also affected by the shock.

Brunt of Collision.

Although the woodwork in front of both tram-cars was torn away, tram-car No. 53 receiving the brunt of the collision, neither the drivers nor passengers received injuries necessitating their removal. All were jerked forward slightly by the collision, sustaining a slight shock. The driver of tram-car No. 53 is stated to have received a few cuts from the broken glass of his car.

The noise of the collision and the quickly gathering crowds attracted many others to the spot. The broken fronts of the two tram-cars, the damaged fire engine on the pavement and the blood on the ground where the fireman had fallen were the objects of considerable attention and speculation.

The fire engine was eventually extricated from the pavement and was able to go back to the station without help and the two trams were also able to move off. Something of a traffic block existed, however, for a considerable time.

There were seven firemen on the fire engine at the time. The engine is known as Fire Escape No. 6. The fireman seriously injured is Chai Tin, who is suffering from head wounds and internal injuries. The other, Kong Wing is a fireman in the Brigade. His cuts were superficial and he has subsequently been discharged from hospital.

MORE TRAFFIC.

"Star" Ferry Co.'s Big Profits.

BONUS VOTED FOR DIRECTORS.

Chairman Speaks On Alterations And Improvements.

Gross earnings from traffic on the "Star" ferry boats between Hong Kong and Kowloon were up \$86,310.40 in 1927, said the chairman of the company at the annual meeting to-day. Net profit last year increased by \$70,774.04. The chairman, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, referred in his review to the alterations and improvements effected.

The 30th annual meeting of the "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., was held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Supporting the chairman were Messrs. C. Gordon Mackie, A. H. Compton (directors) and F. H. Crapnell (secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. J. T. Bagram, Frank Austin, J. M. Alves, W. S. Bailey, C. M. Mannors, C. E. Terry, A. H. M. da Silva, J. Hyde, D. Mackenzie, C. F. Lee and R. V. Harris.

Chairman's Address.

The convening notice was read by the secretary. The report, accounts and auditors' report for 1927 were taken as read. The chairman then read his address as follows:—

The year under review shows an increase over the previous year in gross earnings from traffic of \$86,310.40 and in net profit of \$70,774.04, which I trust you will consider satisfactory. After transferring \$50,000 to reserve, \$20,000 to accident fund and \$1,484.86 to special repairs fund, there remains a balance of \$322,437.15, which includes \$31,225.71 brought forward from last account.

It is proposed to pay a dividend of \$2 per share and a bonus of \$1.50 per share, absorbing \$280,000, and carry forward \$42,437.15. I trust shareholders will approve of these appropriations.

Experiment on New Ferry.

The \$1,484.86 placed to the special repairs fund is the amount required to balance the expenditure on repairs to Ice House Street pier; as these are now complete, this account is closed. The total cost of the work on the pier amounted to \$109,069.68, of which \$28,124 has been dealt with as capital expenditure.

Three of the older vessels were sold during the year at a profit of \$21,000 over the book value. We now have four of the modern boats and two old ones. Another new one is being constructed and will be put into service in May next. A wider gangway is being tried in this new boat to enable passengers to get on and off more quickly. If it is a success the question of altering the others will be considered.

Oil or Coal?

Careful comparisons have been made of the cost of oil, which some of the launches have been burning, with coal, and as the latter has worked out cheaper all the boats have been put on to coal.

The repairs and alterations to Ice House Street pier, which I referred to at our last meeting, have been completed and I think it will be generally agreed that the new arrangements are a great improvement.

Bonus to Shareholders.

You will observe in the notice convening this meeting reference is made to the resolution passed by shareholders present at our last meeting, to increase the directors' remuneration from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per annum. The matter was referred to the Company's solicitors, who advised that as the proposal constituted "special business," shareholders should receive notice of the resolution. This has now been done and requires confirmation.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted. When this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability which shareholders may desire to ask.

Other Business.

Mr. A. H. Compton seconded. No question was put and the proposal was adopted unanimously. Other business transacted by the meeting comprised:—

Confirmation of payment of yearly sum of \$1,000 as bonus, in

A FORGED WILL.

Son Admits Guilt At Sessions.

LENIENT SENTENCE.

Judge Influenced By Youth And New Resolution.

A Chinese youth of eighteen was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment at the Criminal Sessions this morning for perjury and the obtaining of money by forged documents.

His Lordship (Sir H. C. Gollan, Chief Justice) stated that the leniency of the sentence was due to the youth of the prisoner and to His Lordship having taken consideration of the facts so strongly urged by the prisoner's counsel (Mr. Leo d'Almeida, Jnr.) as to the prisoner having been led away by others and as to his having formed a resolution to amend his ways.

There were five counts on which the prisoner was arraigned, these relating to larceny of deposit receipts issued by the Ki Fung Yik firm, the uttering of a forged document, the demanding of money by virtue of probate of a forged will and, lastly, to perjury (on two counts).

Prisoner pleaded guilty on all counts.

Mr. H. S. Fitzroy, prosecuting for the Crown, indicated that one of the charges of perjury referred to an affidavit sworn before Mr. C. D. Melbourne under which prisoner swore that his father had died and that prior to his death he had executed a will leaving prisoner as the sole executor.

Other charges referred to the stealing of certain documents and receipts for sums of money, especially one for \$500 and one for \$450. The father of prisoner had deposited the money in the Ki Fung Yik wine shop in Bonham Strand, West. In October last, the father went away until the end of December.

\$1,500 Involved.

The sums of money involved in the charges, indicated counsel, amounted to \$1,500. The papers connected with this money were taken from the box in which they had been left by the father. On November 13, one of the papers for \$500 was presented at the wine shop, the money was paid, and later another was presented and was also paid together with interest. In accordance with the custom of the wine shop, the receipts were destroyed. Apparently, cheques were issued for these papers but they could not be cashed at the Hong Kong Bank without proof of the father's death so on December 1 prisoner went to Messrs. Woo and Nash and indicated that he wished to take out probate in respect of the estate of his father whom he represented as dead.

The ordinary steps were taken and, as it appeared that everything was in order and that the documents were properly executed, probate was granted and the next step was to apply to the Bank for payment. The father then arrived back and the whole affair was opened up. In the meantime, indicated counsel, the prisoner had gone to Mr. Melbourne at the Supreme Court and taken two distinct oaths in regard to affidavits put in in support of the forged will.

On the return of the father, prisoner was taken by him to the police station and charged, in reply to which he stated "The money is my father's. I took the money to do some business for my living because I am an unemployed man."

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In addition to the annual remuneration of \$1,000, to the company's directors, as proposed at the previous annual meeting, to date from Jan. 1, 1928, proposed by Mr. J. M. Alves, seconded by Mr. W. S. Bailey.

Confirmation of appointment of Messrs. A. H. Compton, T. G. Weall and C. Gordon Mackie as directors—proposed by Mr. Bagram, seconded by Mr. Mannors.

Re-election of the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, the retiring director—proposed by Mr. Frank Austin, seconded by Mr. W. Hyde. Re-election of Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., as auditor for the current year—proposed by Mr. C. E. Terry, seconded by Mr. A. H. M. da Silva. Dividend warrants can be applied for to-morrow.

THE HOUGHTON CASE.

Magistrate's Considered Judgment.

SUMMONSES DISMISSED.

"Threat . . . That Comes Very Near To Blackmail."

At the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. R. E. Lindell dismissed the two summonses against C. M. Houghton brought by the Law Society (represented by Mr. D. H. Blake) alleging that he had on two different dates acted as a solicitor.

Considered Judgment.

His Worship said he considered judgment as follows:—

The form of the Section on which this charge is based—Section 27 of the Legal Practitioners' Ordinance, No. 1 of 1871—was apparently derived from Section 13 of Ordinance 13 of 1855, now long defunct, which made operative in the Colony most of the provisions of 6 & 7 Vict. C73. Section 2 of that Act made it an offence to act as a solicitor without being enrolled and although the Act was entirely superseded by later statutes culminating in the Solicitors' and Attorneys' Act of 1874 (37 & 38 Vict. C68), the original words of our 1871 Ordinance "practises or acts as a Solicitor" still remain in the Hong Kong Law to-day. The Home Act of 1874, however, substituted the new offence of wilfully and falsely pretending to be a solicitor for that of acting as such without authority, and it was for that offence that the prosecutions in the cases quoted by Mr. Blake were undertaken.

The essence of that offence is clearly fraudulent and deliberate misrepresentation, and it is therefore difficult to deduce a principle of law from the home cases that will, at the present time, be more so because different Magistrates at home seem to have interpreted the law in different ways.

Could Not Agree.

The facts, however, of the 1924 case of the Law Society v. Leaf approximated so far as one can judge from the report, very closely to those of this case, and there the London stipendiary found in favour of the defence.

Mr. Blake submits that though there may have been no falsely pretending to be a solicitor in this case, yet the defendant's letters and conduct on the 18th and 19th and 20 January amount to acting as a solicitor.

With this view, I regret that I cannot agree.

Defendant admittedly sent two letters which contain the same sort of language as solicitors use, and one of which includes a "treat of criminal proceedings," that comes very near to blackmail, if not to criminal intimidation, but it does not need a solicitor to start criminal proceedings and the threat does not necessarily imply that defendant intended to institute such proceedings on his own; and furthermore, as pointed out in Fleetwood's case, legal phraseology is not the exclusive possession of solicitors. Moreover, each letter at the head and foot bore the printed words "South China Trade Protection Association," and that of the 18th January is headed by the Chinese name of, and is signed by the defendant as accountant of the Association. There is no hint in either letter that the writer is acting qua solicitor, and as regards the interview between defendant and Pang Chow on January 19, thought it is possible that blackmailing threats were used by defendant I cannot find any evidence in the witnesses' statements to show that he acted or claimed to act as a solicitor.

Acting or practising as a solicitor in my view conveys the idea of setting up in business with some sort of advertisement of qualification to do the work of a solicitor in the way of giving legal advice, drawing legal documents, etc., for gain.

Law of Blackmail.

Trade Protection Associations appear to be world-wide, and to find an employee of such an Association guilty of an offence who sends a dunning letter threatening to institute proceedings, whereas if he uses the words "I want a solicitor to institute proceedings," the law admittedly could not touch him. Where unlawful threats are used, the law of blackmail should be sufficient to protect the public. The summonses must be dismissed.

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C. B. BROWN,
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Hong Kong, 30th January, 1928.

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HOLDERS in the Company will be
held at the Office of the Company,
"St. George's" Building, No. 7,
Connaught Road, on FRIDAY, the
24th February, 1928, at 11 o'clock
a.m. for the purpose of receiving
a Statement of Accounts and the
Report of the General Managers for
the year ended 31st December,
1927, and, electing a Consulting
Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
THURSDAY, 16th February, 1928,
until FRIDAY, the 24th February,
1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 15th Feb., 1928.

NOTICES.**THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the NINTH ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
will be held at the Registered
Office of the Company, No. 10, Des
Vaux Road Central, on SATUR-
DAY, the 18th February, 1928, at
3.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiv-
ing a Statement of Accounts and
the Report of the Directors for the
year ending 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
SATURDAY, 11th February to
SATURDAY, 18th February, 1928,
(both days inclusive) during which
period no transfer of shares can
be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1928.

**HONG KONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ORDINARY YEAR-
LY MEETING OF the SHARE-
HOLDERS in this Corporation will
be held at City Hall, Hong Kong,
on SATURDAY, the 25th February,
1928, at Noon, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Court
of Directors together with a State-
ment of Accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1927.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Corporation will be CLOSED
on MONDAY, the 13th February
to SATURDAY the 25th February,
1928 (both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of shares
can be registered.

By Order of the Court of
Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 6th February, 1928.

**THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON
WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.****NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY
ANNUAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at
the Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNES-
DAY, the 29th February, 1928, AT
NOON, for the purpose of receiv-
ing the Report of the Directors and
the Statement of Accounts for the
year ended December 31st, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from
FRIDAY, the 17th February, 1928
to WEDNESDAY, the 29th
February, 1928, BOTH DAYS
INCLUSIVE.

By Order of the Board of
Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 13th February, 1928.

**FANLING HUNT
STEEPLECHASES.****SPRING MEETING.**

Saturday, 3rd March, 1928.

ENTRY FORMS to be returned
to Dr. F. PIERCE GROVE,
Alexandra Building, BEFORE
NOON, Monday, 20th February.

Hong Kong, 13th February 1928.

TO DRAW A MAP.**TASK OF CHARTING
HEAVENS.**

TAKES 40 YEARS.

Oxford—Forty years to draw a
map—that is the meaning of the
completion of a gigantic task un-
dertaken two generations ago by
the Oxford and Greenwich observa-
tories.

Fifteen million stars have been
photographed, to make a map of
the heavens, only 6,000 of which
are visible to the naked eye. Some
80,000 star-charts, weighing two
tons and piling up thirty feet high,



William Edward Hickman, at-
tached kidnapper and murderer of
Little Marion Parker, who is now on
trial for his life in Los Angeles.
He is a native of Kansas and was
a former employee at the bank
where Marion Parker's father is
employed. While there he was so-
cused of forgery and it is said that
his act was in revenge of Mr.
Parker.

are to be assembled and printed
within a few months, according to
Dr. Herbert H. Turner, Oxford as-
tronomer, who has assisted in the
gigantic task.

Near Earth.

Because some of the stars dis-
played motion in the photographs,
astronomers here and in London
have formed the conclusion that
many of the faint or lesser stars
are comparatively near the earth,
and not at enormous distances as
was hitherto believed.

Nineteen observatories, in vari-
ous parts of the world, have co-
operated in the stupendous task.
They are at Melbourne, Perth, Cape
of Good Hope, Hyderabad, Hel-
singfors, Catania, Cordoba, San Fer-
nando, Rome, Algiers, Potsdam,
Bordeaux, Sydney, Taubna, Toulouse,
Santiago, Greenwich, Paris and
Oxford.

Stars only up to the fourteenth
magnitude have been photographed.
Thirty years' additional work would
be required to include the mapping
of fainter stars.

The heavenly charts are expect-
ed to be of great value to the as-
tronomer of the future.

NOTICES.**KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN
CLUB.****CLOSING DAY.**

THE CLOSING DAY and DIS-
TRIBUTION OF PRIZES will
take place on SATURDAY FIRST,
18th February, at 3 p.m.

A. CHAPMAN,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 16th Feb., 1928.

**CYMEITHAS DEWI SANT,
HONG KONG.**

(St. David's Society, Hong Kong).

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the
SOCIETY will be held at
Lane, Crawford's Restaurant on
THURSDAY, March 1st, at 8 p.m.
Members are requested to notify
the undersigned as soon as possible
of the number of tickets they re-
quire and the names of their
guests.

G. S. HUGH-JONES,
Hon. Secretary.
9, Queen's Road Central.
Hong Kong, Feb. 11, 1928.

G. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to
be held on MONDAY, the 20th day
of February, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the
Office of the Public Works Depart-
ment, by Order of His Excellency
the Governor of one Lot of Crown
Land at Shamshulpo in the Colony
of Hong Kong, for a term of 75
years, commencing from 1st July
1898 with the option of renewal
at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the
Surveyor of His Majesty the King,
for one further term of 24 years
less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measure				Area in Acres	Annual Rent	Upset Price
			ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.			
1	New Kowloon Lot 1122	Shamshulpo	11	11	11	11	11	11	11

WONDERFUL CURES BY CHINESE HERBS.**Mr. Yee Foo Lun Now in Hong Kong.**

The Foo On Chinese Herb Co., of
Modesto, California, U.S.A. is now
ready for business. Mr. Yee Foo Lun,
Chinese Herbalist, the founder and
managing director is in charge. Mr.
Yee Foo Lun has had practical experi-
ence for over twenty five years.

How Chinese Herbs have been used
to cure thousands of sick persons in
America, making him famous by the
special treatments which he designed.
He has brought with him thousands
of testimonials that he has published
in the United States. The following
testimonials were published in the
"Modesto Evening News"—March 24,
1922.

Mr. Antone Eno's, resident at
Hudson Stanislaus County
California since 1906, route
1-box 24, says:—

"Several members of my family took
the Foo On Chinese Herbs and cer-
tainly received wonderful results."
My boy, Joseph, had had trouble with
his eyes since he was a baby three
weeks old. He caught a severe cold
and it settled in his right eye. It was
very watery, red and inflamed.

We had treated him for all these
years with eye specialists, physicians,
and everything people recommended.
At times his eye was so bad he had
to go to a dark room and stay there
for hours because he could not see in
the light and it hurt him so bad he
had to cry, when he was old enough
to go to school, he was unable to go
because of the strain to his eye and
could not stand it. It caused a ter-
rible headache. Up to the time he
was eighteen he could only put in a

little time at school, until some par-
ticular friends of ours told us of Foo
On Chinese Herbs. On February 9,
1918, we took the boy to the Foo On
Herb Co., and obtained some herbs.

He took the herbs a little bit over a
month and his eye was completely
cured. Since then he has never had
a bit of trouble and besides his head-
ache and catarrh in the head were
also cured. We haven't spent any
money for anything in the way of
medicine for him since. He has en-
joyed better health than any time in
his whole life. Now he is going to
school and making up for all the time
of lost.

I myself caught a cold a few days
ago. I had aches, pains, headache and
just felt miserable. I took two herb
teas from Foo On Herb Co. and was
all right.

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bronchial trouble, throat trouble,
asthma, hay fever, malaria, stomach
trouble, indigestion, constipation, gas-
tritis, piles, fistula, heart disease, skin
disease, eczema, scrofula, nervousness,
insomnia, obesity, kidney and bladder
trouble, diabetes, rheumatism, neural-
gia, dropsy, pyorrhea, epileptic fits,
paralysis, tumors, ulcers, pimples,
dizziness, headaches, and many other
chronic diseases, have been restored to
health and happiness without poison-
ous drugs or the knife, by the Foo On
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TATTOO MARUTuesday, 20th March.
Calla Keelung.
LONDON via Singapore, Suez, Marseilles & Ports.
KATORI MARUSaturday, 25th February.
ATSUTA MARUSaturday, 10th March.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.
MISHIMA MARUWednesday, 22nd February.
TANGO MARUWednesday, 21st March.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
TASMANIA MARUFriday, 17th February.
MOJI MARUTuesday, 28th February.
SADO MARUSaturday, 10th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles,
Mexico & Panama.
ANYO MARUThursday, 15th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
KAWACHI MARUWednesday, 29th February.
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
CALCUTTA MARUThursday, 23rd February.
LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.
LYONS MARUSaturday, 10th March.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
MORIOKA MARUMonday, 20th February.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
TANGO MARUFriday, 17th February.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
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PAUL LECAT27th Mar.
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**SHIPPING SECTION.****LOCAL SHIPPING.**

TO-DAY'S REPORT AND
DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

The arrival of vessels recorded (Feb. 16), are as follows:—4 British vessels, 2 Norwegian vessels, 6 Japanese vessels, 6 Chinese vessels.
The cargo imported to this Colony by the above ships totalled 21,212 tons an improvement on yesterday's total. Of this amount 886 tons were shipped by British vessels, the Japanese bring in the best returns of some 9,000 odd tons, with Norwegian and Chinese goods.

The through cargo tonnage amounts to 7,062 tons, a considerable drop from yesterday, good standard. Of these above figures the best return was recorded by the "Korei Maru" (Japanese) from Osaka, Amoy, M.B.K.—3,054 tons rice and coal. The best through Hong Kong figures was recorded by the s.s. "Comliebank" (British) from New York, Manila, Bank Line—3,500 tons general cargo. It will be interesting to note 9,643 tons of rice were imported to Hong Kong to-day.

The passenger list for to-day is as follows:—849 Asiatic deck passengers; 31 Asiatic cabin; 19 European cabin; total 899.

Departures.

For K. C. Wan—Tai Pao Shek.
For Manila—Oakridge.
For Canton—Tinhov, Yunnan Fooning.
For Hoihow—Soon Ann, Seistan.
For Shanghai—Comliebank.
For Macao—Tak Hing.
For Macassar—Tjitaroom.

Clearances.

For Singapore—Cremor.
For Saigon—Phuempenh.
For Canton—Corona.
For Dairen—Kojun Maru.
For Swatow—Devawongse.

Shipping Abstract.

	Arrivals	Departures	In Port
British	4	4	27
Japanese	6	0	14
Norwegian	2	0	10
Chinese	5	3	17
Dutch	0	1	5
French	0	1	0
American	0	1	0
Portuguese	0	0	2
German	0	0	1
Panama	0	0	1
Swedish	0	0	1
	17	10	78

WATER LOGGED BOAT.

The master of the s.s. "Kwang-tung" reports to the Harbour Office that there is a waterlogged Chinese decked vessel, 30 feet long, reel on forward deck, and iron-fairhead over stern, in Long 110deg. 40' 46deg. E., and Lat. 20deg. 14' 45" N., in the Hainan Head, which is an obstruction to navigation.

NO DECLARATION.

LOCAL SHIPPING FIRM
FINED.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, Messrs. Butterfield & Swire were summoned by the Import and Export Office on two counts as follows:—

(1) failing to make a declaration of tobacco and liquor exported on the s.s. "Klukiang" and
(2) making an inaccurate declaration.

Mr. M. M. Watson who appeared for the defence entered a plea of "guilty" to a technical offence.

Mr. G. R. Sayer, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, said in reply to the Magistrate that he was not pressing for a heavy fine. The summonses, he said, were brought to bring home to the defendants the necessity of making the returns.

The s.s. "Klukiang", Mr. Sayer said, left Hong Kong on February 2, and no declaration was sent in to the Import and Export Office although declarations of tobacco and liquor exported should be sent in 24 hours after the ship's departure. Subsequently when the matter was brought to their notice, the defendants returned a declaration on February 11, but even then they delivered an inaccurate return. The prosecution, Mr. Sayer claimed, could prove that certain tobacco and liquor had been exported on board the s.s. "Klukiang" but these were not mentioned in the defendants' declaration.

Mr. Watson explained that the "Klukiang" had been in dock during her last stay here and then proceeded to Saigon without any cargo. The tobacco and liquor on board, Counsel explained, was not cargo but part of ship's stores, and therefore when a cargo declaration was asked for they were not included. The Company had required on the form, but as this was not necessary for tobacco, no return of this was made on the declaration.

Mr. Sayer pointed out that tobacco should have been entered under "ship's stores" and this was not done.
The Magistrate decided to impose a fine of \$10 on each summons.

MARINE COURT.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Comdr. G. F. Holt, R.N., Marine Magistrate, two cases were heard. The first concerned Leung Shing, master of s.s. "Fook We", who was charged with unlawfully failing to exhibit the regulation lights whilst underway in the harbour, at 7.30 p.m. on February 10. Accused was found guilty, and fined \$15, with an alternative of two weeks' hard labour.

The second case was against Yang Ching-tung, master of s.s. "Oirk", charged with unlawfully failing to observe the rules of the road at 5 a.m. on the 10th inst. He pleaded not guilty but was fined \$10, with an alternative of 10 days' hard labour.

BIGGER SHIPS.

RAPID DEVELOPMENT IN
CONSTRUCTION.

HIGHER SPEEDS.

During the past years there has been a rapid development in ship construction, design and propulsion. What the future will bring offers an opportunity for very interesting speculation, says the "Compass". What will be the size of the ships and their power and their speed? Will aeroplanes be employed to shorten trans-oceanic travel? Will faster ships than the "Mauretania" appear on the sea? Will new but large "Majestics" and "Leviathans" join the present giants of the ocean? One has only to look back but a few years to a day in January, 1925, when a new passenger liner gracefully slipped from her quay at Southampton out into the English Channel. In November of the same year she silently left Gothenburg and after a few days quietly made her way up the Hudson River to her pier at New York. That ship was the motor ship "Gripsholm" of the Swedish American Line, the first vessel driven by Diesel engines to operate a regular trans-Atlantic passenger service.

Now operating with her are other Diesel propelled passenger and cargo ships, some of which are much larger than she is—the "Aorangi", the "Ara", the "Asturias", the "Alcantara", the "Saturnia", etc. These motor ships have proven their economy, especially on long runs. In speed, other types of ships still hold sway. What will 1928 bring in the way of fast motor liners? A great deal of discussion has been centred around the proposed new 1,000-ft. liners which, rumour has it, are to be built for the British, French, German and Italian companies operating a trans-Atlantic service. What type of propulsion machinery will these new ships employ? Will it be steam or Diesel, or a new, improved speedier motor?

Will they be oil burners or will pulverised coal create the heat that will furnish the steam? The United States Shipping Board's freighter "Mercer", the first vessel to be equipped with pulverised coal burners, has made trial trips with this new system working perfectly. Will it revolutionise fuel usage is a question that the future alone can answer. After a series of experiments and tests in the United States Naval Basin at Washington, D.C., a statement was issued that travel-

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S.S. "CITY OF GLASGOW" Havre, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg24th April.
S.S. "CITY OF EASTBOURNE" Havre, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg25th May.

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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
HAWAII MARUSaturday, 24th March.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
SEINOH MARUMonday, 20th February.
CELEBES MARU (Calls on Karachi) Monday, 5th March.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
PANAMA MARUFriday, 2nd March.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
KASADO MARUSaturday, 25th February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.
ALABAMA MARU (from Shanghai) Monday, 5th March.
HAIPHONG, HOIHOW & FAKBOU.
TATTA MARUTuesday, 28th Feb. 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
HAYRE MARUSunday, 26th February.
JAPAN PORTS
TACOMA MARUWednesday, 22nd February.
BATAVIA MARUWednesday, 22nd February.
AMUR MARUMonday, 12th March.
KEELUNG VIA SWATOW & AMOY.
KALO MARUSunday, 19th Feb. 11 a.m.
HOZAN MARUSunday, 26th Feb. 11 a.m.
TAKAO VIA SWATOW & AMOY.
DELI MARUThursday, 23rd Feb. 10 a.m.
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The R.M.S. "Empress of Asia," sailed from Hong Kong on January 25, and arrived at Vancouver on February 12.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khyber" left Shanghai for this port on Feb. 14, at 3.30 p.m., and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir" left Singapore for this port with the outward English Mail, and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mirzapore" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 14 at 6 a.m. and is due here on February 21 at about 6 a.m.

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The Ben Line s.s. "Benlawers" from Leith, "Middlebro", Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on Feb. 23.

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MACDONALD	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
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KHIVA	9,136	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KASHMIR	8,945	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MIRZAPORE	5,715	18th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
KARNATA	10,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANUVA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	10,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MAGPORE	5,283	21st Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,563	28th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles & London
KAYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
MAIWA	10,956	26th May	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,077	9th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NOVARA	6,989	16th June	Marseilles & London
RANPURA	10,601	23rd June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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KALYAN	9,144	25th Feb.	Moji & Kobe
MONGOLIA	10,504	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
TAKIWA	7,930	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
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WANTU	10,946	16th Mar.	Shanghai.
LAHORE	5,252	19th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NOVARA	10,553	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	5,313	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
WANTU	8,005	13th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NOVARA	10,956	27th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
DELTA	6,955	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NOVARA	6,989	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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OFFICERS AND MEN.

Portsmouth.—A party of former shipmates in the Royal Navy held a reunion in H.M.S. "Nelson," lying in Portsmouth Dockyard. It took the form of a tea party, attended by about twenty-five officers and men who served together in the old cruiser "Nelson" in 1885-87. Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir H. Brand and Admiral Sir Osmond de B. Brock, the present Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, were midshipmen in the "Nelson" between those years, and when it was suggested that old shipmates should meet again the two admirals promptly issued invitations for the pleasing little party that was given.

"Nelson" was a second-class cruiser, built at Chatham in the seventies, and served in the Mediterranean in 1878. During the Constantinople crisis she was present at the occupation of Cyprus on February 23, 1894. "Nelson" was sold and broken up at Portsmouth in 1905, and was succeeded by a vessel which was wrecked off Labrador, with the loss of ten lives, in 1922.

Tea was taken in the admiral's cabin, and was quite an informal meal, with many reminiscences. These were continued afterwards in speeches. A copy of a memorial photograph of the guests is to be presented to every member of the party by the two admirals who acted as hosts.

WARSHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following war vessels have been given as lying at berth in Hong Kong harbour:—North Wall Basin, Carlisle; South Wall Basin, Cleala, Tern, Gannet; East Wall Basin, L4, L27, Faulkner; North Arm, Hollyhock, Herald, Ambrose and S/m; West Wall Dock, Hawkins, Petersfield; In Dock, Iroquois, L1, L2, L5; No. 1 Buoy, Argus; No. 3 Buoy, Marazion; No. 5 Buoy, Sterling, Stormcloud; No. 7 Buoy, Titania, S/Ms.; No. 8 Buoy, Magnolia; No. 10 Buoy, Seraph; Thracian; No. 11 Buoy, Somme; Sopory; No. 12 Buoy, Serapis, Sir-dar; No. 13 Buoy, Bruce; No. 18 Buoy, Ruthenia, Kharkov; Kowloon Anchorage, Fortol, Belgol, Francol.

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TURBINES AND DIESELS.

In the article on the spring cruise of the Atlantic Fleet, mention was made of the new minelayer, H.M.S. "Adventure," which has turbine machinery for high speed and Diesel-electric drive for cruising. This was probably the first intimation received by the public that the British Navy possesses the only large warship propelled by Diesel engines with electrical transmission. H.M.S. "Adventure" represents a new development in marine engineering as applied to naval purposes, and the Admiralty constructors and engineers deserve credit for the enterprise they have displayed in this matter.

It is now permissible to give further details of this remarkable vessel. "Adventure" is the first British warship to be designed expressly for minelaying. During the war a great many craft were employed for sewing mines—battleships, cruisers, destroyers, submarines, merchantmen, and even aeroplanes; but we had no ship built specially for this work.

When the war losses of all bel-ligents came to be analysed it was found that the mines had claimed as many victims as, if not more, than any other weapon of naval warfare. Mines accounted for 23 per cent. of the capital ship, and cruisers that were sunk, 57 per cent. of the destroyers, and 27 per cent. of the submarines. Taking British losses alone, about 400 warships and auxiliary craft and 1,121,000 tons of merchant shipping were destroyed by mines. In view of these figures it is not surprising that the Admiralty should have decided to pay special attention to the future development of mine-laying warfare.

Adventure, authorised under the Navy Estimates of 1921-22, was designed by the late Director of Naval Construction, Sir Eustace T. D'Eyn-court, and was launched at Devon-port dockyard in June, 1924. She has a normal displacement of 7,260 tons, the length being 520 ft. over all and the breadth 59 ft. The hull is bulged as a protection against torpedoes. Having regard to the duties she was to perform, it was necessary to endow this ship with fairly high speed, and, above all, with a very considerable radius of action.

1,000 Miles.

As she was not meant to fight other ships, the armament was restricted to four 4.7-in. quick-firers, with many lighter guns. The weight thus saved has been utilised for the storage of mines, of which about 1,000 are carried. These deadly weapons are conveyed on rails from the magazines to the stern of the ship, whence they are dropped into the sea through two ports. It may be added that the present type of British naval mine is infinitely more efficient and destructive than the type in use on the outbreak of the war; further, that the mine towage capacity of "Adventure" is four times greater than that of any previous mine-laying ship.

Parsons turbines of 40,000 h.p. fed with steam from oil-burning boilers, drive the vessel at a maximum speed of 27 1/2 knots. The steam plant, however, is brought into operation only when a high speed is desired. When she is cruising independently or in company with the fleet the turbines are cut out, and the ship is then propelled by her Diesel electric machinery, which develops 4,200 h.p., sufficient for a speed of 14 knots.

There are two Diesel oil engines, each coupled direct to a generator of the three-phase alternating current system, with a pressure of 1,100 volts between phases, the current from which drives two, high-speed induction motors, each turning a propeller shaft at 160 revs. per minute. If necessary both motors can be operated from one generator. The motors are speeded up by reactance-resistance starters. A new type of automatic booster is fitted to provide for over-excitation of the alternators under conditions of overload caused by rough weather. Motors and alternators are controlled by oil-break switches operated from the control platform in the Diesel engine compartment.

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MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

Shanghai, Feb. 11.

The annual meeting of shareholders of the Yangtze Rapid Steamship Co. was held in the offices of the company, 12 The Bund, at 4 o'clock yesterday the president, Mr. Lansing Hoyt, being in the chair. Out of a total of 50,000 shares outstanding, 47,200 were present at the meeting. The accounts showed a net profit after all charges for the year 1927 of approximately Tls. 400,000. Mr. Hoyt stated that considering the lack of protection by the American Navy and also the withdrawal of the Consular staff from West China, this showing in the fact of many trying incidents, he considered good. There had been resumption of American Naval protection this month and prospects for a more secure year were bright for 1928.

A motion by Mr. Hoyt was unanimously carried extending a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. R. B. Mauchan for the untiring efforts made in behalf of the company since its inception. Mr. Mauchan had previously decided to go home for an indefinite stay and did not wish to stand for re-election on this account. The following were elected to the Board to serve until the next annual meeting:—Mr. Lansing Hoyt, president and chairman, with Messrs. Starr, Bolton, J. C. Hoyt, and Aliman as co-directors.

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The Singapore floating dock, which is being built by Messrs. Swan Hunter, and Wigham Richardson, Ltd., of Wallsend, near Newcastle, is expected to be ready in May for its 8,500-miles journey from the Tyne to Singapore.

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Eight tugs will probably be required.

nel, through which the exhaust gases from the Diesel motors are carried off.

While official details of the "Adventure's" trials have yet to be published, they are known to have been highly successful. The perfect functioning of the machinery under all conditions proves that British engineering skill has solved in practical fashion all the technical difficulties involved. There can be no doubt that, were it not for the restraints imposed by shortage of funds, the Navy would long since have taken the lead in developing the international-combustion system for the propulsion of warships.

In the years following the war some exceedingly useful research and experimental work was carried out in the Admiralty engineering laboratory at West Drayton; the fruits of which have been most beneficial to British progress in the manufacture of oil-engines.

In view of the widespread interest evoked by the rapid advance of the motor-ship, as shown by the latest shipbuilding returns, it is reassuring to learn that the Navy is keeping abreast of progress in this important branch of engineering.—"Daily Telegraph."



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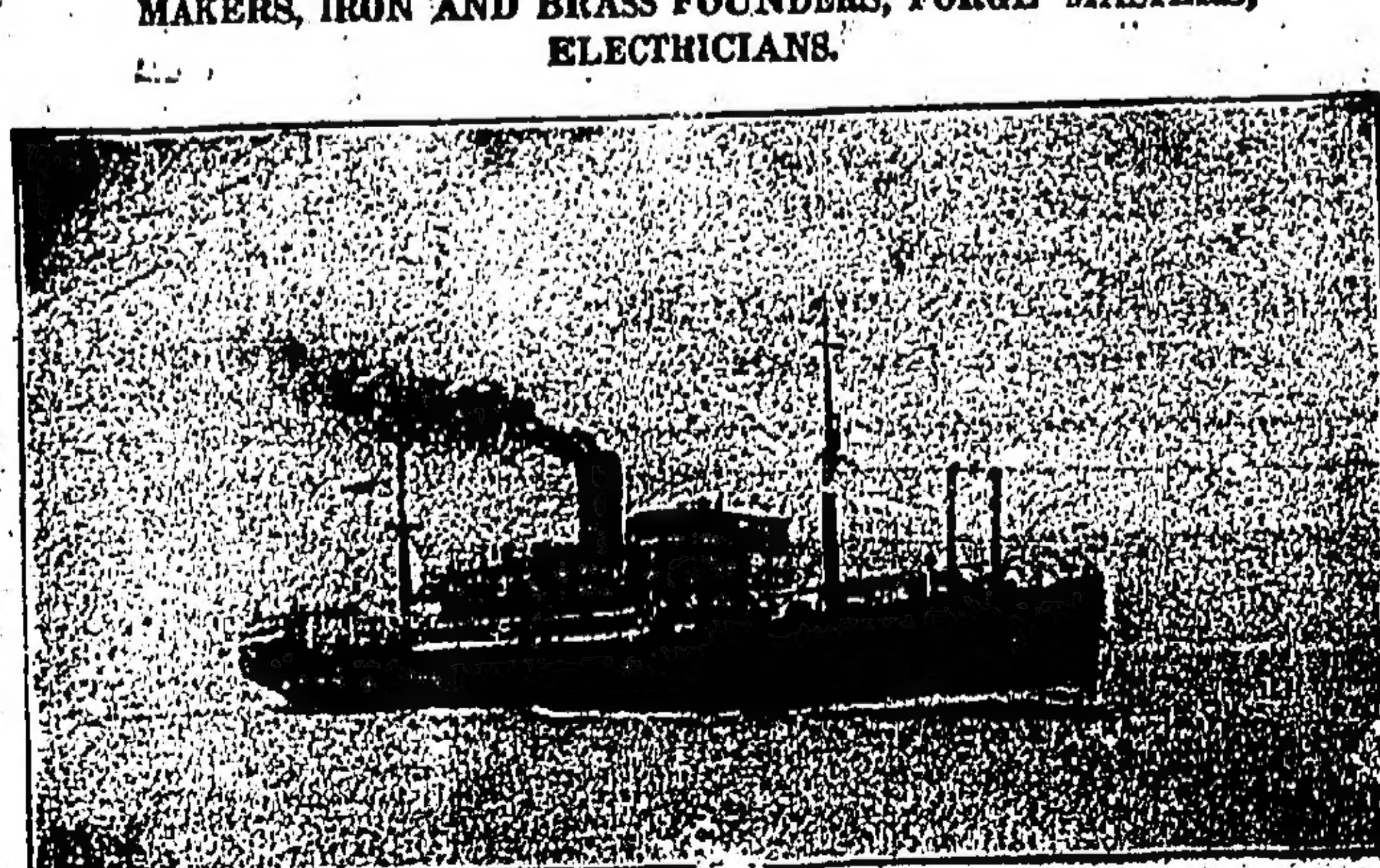
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"SOLID AS A ROCK."

"As solid as a rock." This description of the late Earl of Oxford and Asquith, who passed away early yesterday morning, is the most fitting tribute that could be paid to the memory of the great Liberal Statesman. He possessed all the qualities of a true leader, but was without flamboyancy, which was where he differed from his former colleague, Mr. Lloyd George. Two years ago, after a long and distinguished political career, he was elevated to the Peerage, obtaining special Royal consent to revive the Earldom of Oxford. It was a signal honour, paid to one of the most eminent of Englishmen of our age, and one who had deserved well of his party, his country and his Sovereign. It was realised at the time that there was not room in the present Liberal party in the House of Commons for joint leadership, and the honour accorded the then Mr. Asquith paved the way for Mr. Lloyd George to exercise active and undivided control while allowing the late Earl to pursue his political bent in another sphere.

Of the late leader it may be said with perfect assurance that his personality was a hidden force to the man-in-the-street. One reason for this is to be found deep in his character. Though he must, at any rate in his earlier years, as a struggling barrister and a journalist of sorts, have had ambition, he was entirely devoid even of the innocent egotism which

usually goes with the ambitious temperament. In a word, he never dramatised himself, which was one reason the colleague of whom we have written seemed, at times, to outshine him. As a man he was always appreciative of human affection and "simple truth mis-called simplicity." As a result, he was never troubled by the pique and vanity and self-consciousness which are the besetting weaknesses of the public man.

Always a solid, constructive politician, according to the lights of the party he so ably led, the late Earl's crowning test of statesmanship came with the war years. His was the responsibility that pledged Britain to stand side by side with Belgium; through him the first and irrevocable step in the world-campaign was taken. He took up the cudgels as a point of national honour and, as we know now, the world has judged him to have been right. Then, as always, he was "as solid as a rock." Many of the numerous failures in the war were thrown on his shoulders. He never complained, and he never budged. In truth he was a great man and one whose place it would to-day be difficult to fill.

A PROTEST.**COUNSEL FOR MOTOR CAR TOUT.**

The Chinese driver of public motor car No. 143 was yesterday charged before Major C. Willson with "touting" for hire in Pedder Street on Tuesday. Mr. M. K. Lo who appeared for the defence entered a strong protest against the arrest of the defendant where a summons would have sufficed. The Chinese detective who arrested the defendant admitted to Mr. Lo that the defendant produced his driver's licence for the witness's inspection, but he could not take any particulars from it as he was unable to read English. Consequently he had no option but to arrest the defendant. Mr. Lo pointed out that the detective was "lying" as there actually were particulars in Chinese on the licence. The Magistrate on learning from the detective that whilst touting for fare the defendant was standing two yards from his motor car, said that this made a difference, and dismissed the case as a trivial one. In his protest, Mr. Lo said that not satisfied with arresting the defendant, the police went so far as to take his finger prints.

COMMITTS SUICIDE.

A market coolie employed at the Knutsford Hotel, No. 1, Kimberley Road, committed suicide yesterday by hanging himself in the cook house. The body was removed by the police to the Kowloon mortuary.

A FORGED WILL.

(Continued From Page 1.)

Evil Associates.
A long statement made by prisoner was also read by counsel, this referring to his having been influenced by evil associates who induced him to do what he did and to his having been given something to drink which made him "all hot and intoxicated" immediately prior to his having taken the documents. (The two men referred to, it was indicated, had subsequently been banished). The statement went on to claim that prisoner had no idea of the contents of the forged will until it had been produced in evidence.

A forceful appeal was made on prisoner's behalf by Mr. Leo d'Almada Jr. (counsel for the defence), who referred to prisoner's youth and to the influence brought upon him by others. Prisoner had been educated at Sayingspun School and Queen's College and on leaving school appeared to have made some attempt to learn wireless. He gave that, up after some time and subsequently was employed by his father in the transaction of his business. Up to the time of his having committed the forgeries to which he had pleaded guilty it appeared that he had been in every way a model son and the father was grief stricken on finding out the facts. In the transaction of his father's business, prisoner was often entrusted with money up to \$1,000 and there had been no consequences before.

During the course of the transaction of his father's business prisoner fell into the company of two so-called friends, one of whom was a friend of his school days. These two began very cunningly by taking prisoner to West Point, "that haunt where transactions in the main consist of cards, wine, women and opium." That instilled into prisoner the living of a fast life for which he developed a strong liking. The consequence was that he ran into debt and his "friends" were very glib in their explanations as to how he could raise further money. They took him to the Chambers of a local barrister and while there he acted on their instructions.

Used As Cat's-paw.
Counsel concluded with an appeal for leniency on the grounds that the prisoner had been used as a cat's-paw and that he did not realise the gravity of his crime until the return of his father. During the period of his detention he had formed a resolution to amend his ways and avoid evil associates.

His Lordship, addressing prisoner, told him he had pleaded guilty to a series of acts some of which rendered him liable to imprisonment for life. His Lordship intended to give great consideration to the fact that he had pleaded guilty, to the forcible way in which counsel for the defence had appealed to the court for leniency, and to the resolution prisoner had formed to amend his ways.

Although prisoner was only eighteen years of age he was of an age of discretion when he should know the difference between right and wrong. His Lordship must also take consideration of the fact that as a result of prisoner's action the Ki Fung Yik firm had lost a considerable sum of money. Having regard to the facts of the case, the sentence on prisoner would be nine months' imprisonment with hard labour.

The Father's Appeal.
Prisoner's father then appealed to His Lordship to reduce the sentence, stating that he (the father) had been the only one to suffer financially.

His Lordship told the father that he could not reduce the sentence further. Prisoner had made himself liable to imprisonment for life. He was arraigned on five charges and it was necessary for His Lordship to make people see they could not break the law.

Mr. Leo d'Almada suggested that the sentence might not include hard labour.

His Lordship I have always understood that hard labour is, if I might say so, an advantage to the accused.

Counsel then suggested that the sentence might date from the time of prisoner's detention.

His Lordship stated that he could not do this. He had given every effect possible to the special circumstances of the case.

FALSE ALARM.

The fire brigade received false alarm at 9.37 last night to attend an outbreak at No. 10, Water Street, West Point, the ground floor of which is occupied by the Woo Yu Wan firewood shop. Three fire-engines turned out, but on arrival found that the fire had been extinguished.

The Rev. F. W. J. Reynolds, Seven Kings, Essex, hoped to leave England for Selangor in the middle of January. He will act as assistant chaplain and chaplain on the Diocesan Staff.

NO DEATH PENALTY.

NON-EXISTENCE IN 16 COUNTRIES.

MANY ABOGATIONS.

London.—Sentence of death no longer exists in sixteen countries of the world.

Authoritative data compiled here show that the death penalty has been abolished in Holland, Norway, Sweden, Portugal, Rumania, Austria, Latvia, Lithuania, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Honduras and Uruguay. It has been abrogated by disuse in Denmark, Belgium and Finland.

It was abolished in Switzerland by Federal Constitution in 1874, but the various Cantons retained liberty of action. Fifteen Cantons have not reimposed it. In the remaining ten Cantons there have been only seven executions during the past forty years.

Eight States in the United States have abolished it. Italy abolished the death penalty in 1889, but owing to the frequent attempts against the life of Mussolini, it was reintroduced this year. It can only be passed, however, for attacks against the King and his chief Minister.

Russia has abolished the death penalty in cases of murder. It is still imposed, however, for rapine and for political offences.

Informed circles here state that a movement for world-wide abolition is rapidly gaining ground.

In Germany, the Judicial Committee of the Reichstag have for many months been discussing an abolition bill promoted by influential lawyers and criminologists. It is expected to be submitted to the Reichstag itself, in an amended form, at a near date. The States of Nassau and Saxony have already abolished the penalty.

In the free city of Hamburg there has been no execution since 1917. In Prussia executions are extremely rare. The death sentence in this state is carried out only when the murder is multiple or has been committed with particularly abominable brutality.

At various times the French Chamber has discussed the abolition of capital punishment. A bill urging its abolishment was recently introduced in the Chamber by M. Jouhaux.

Little progress can be reported for the abolition of capital punishment in Asiatic countries. China's varying fortunes and upheavals make it difficult for abolitionists to promote any campaign on solid lines. Greater hopes are entertained of Japan, although little authoritative data is available.

PARIS ROBBERIES.**BOGUS INSURANCE INSPECTOR.**

Paris.—A crime which serves to illustrate the reason why Paris congeries are inclined to be inquisitive and to adopt an attitude of suspicion toward strangers has occurred in a flat in Rue de Rivoli inhabited by Mme. Franchel. Recently this lady arranged with an insurance company to make an inventory of her furniture and fittings, and was not surprised, therefore, when a stranger called upon her, and representing himself as an insurance inspector, was admitted. But instead of examining the place, he seized a towel, which he flung over Mme. Franchel's head, and then, covering her with a revolver, threatened to shoot if she tried to give an alarm. Under this menace she was compelled to strip herself of all her jewelry and to hand over her purse to the robber, who, having locked her in a back room, made off with the booty, valued at 70,000fr. The most puzzling problem in the case is how the robber knew that an insurance inspector was expected. Another cunning robber who has operated for three months in the hotel in which he stayed was caught in the act recently. For some time visitors to the hotel had found their portfolios missing when they awoke, and it has now been discovered that the thief is a resident in the hotel named May. He declares that he is a somnambulist. He was caught by a guest, who, roused by a noise at midnight, pounced upon the intruder in his room and found his prisoner to be May, wearing a black silk hood and a black jersey. Twenty portmanteaus, said to have been stolen from various Paris stations were found in May's room.

Although reports are still prevalent that the Fengtien authorities have decided to negotiate peace with Shansi the governmental officials in Peking have definitely denied them.

The Nationalist Government recently despatched a telegram to General Liu Tsung-hua praising his courage and endurance in the recent campaign against the Northerners.

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"Yes," he concluded, "you can see the fish quite plainly laying at the bottom of the ocean."

"Lying, dear," corrected his wife. "No, I'm not," said the narrator. "It's the truth!"

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

First Actress: "I wonder, dear, if I shall lose my looks, too, when I reach your age!"

Second Actress: "Well, dear, perhaps you may. You never know your luck. Let's hope so, anyway."

Little Betty, who was staying in the country with her grandma, went to the fowl house to see if there were any eggs. She returned in a few minutes, looking very disappointed.

"No eggs this morning, grannie," she said, and added, "except the one the chickens measure by."

Mrs. Newlyrich (about to purchase her first real fur coat, and feeling called upon to pick every possible flaw): "Are you quite sure this fur won't shrink in the rain—one is sometimes caught without an umbrella, you know."

Long-suffering Salesman: "Madam, that fur didn't shrink on the last party who wore it, and he was never known to carry an umbrella."

Two men were trying to outdo each other with "tall" stories. When one had finished a remarkable story, the other said:—

"Why, that's nothing. I know a stonemason who has only one arm."

"Nonsense," said the first man, "how does he do the work?"

"Oh, he holds the chisel between his teeth, and hits himself on the back of the head with the hammer," was the reply.

On his way home from school Tommy looked sad and worried.

"Dear me!" exclaimed a sympathetic old lady, "whatever is troubling you, my little man?"

"Dyspepsia and rheumatism," replied Tommy.

"Oh, surely not," said the old lady; "how can that be?"

"Teacher caned me 'cause I couldn't spell them," answered Tommy dismally.

First Shoplifter: Expect to be busy during the holidays?

Second Ditto: Oh, yes; I'll have my hands full.

Wife: Jack, wake up! I feel that there's a mouse in the room.

Hubby: Well, there's a cat, too, and go to sleep.

"Was the operation successful?"

"Yes. The patient died, but the doctor recovered the estate."

Newly Married Burglar: Listen, kid, it makes it awful hard to succeed in business when you won't let me go out nights.

A son at college wrote to his father: "No mon, no fun, your son."

The father answered: "How sad, too bad, your dad."

Big Athlete: Football is just a sideline with me.

His Girl: Yes, I notice that's where you're usually sitting.

Motorist (after the accident): But I've got a gadget on my car to prove that I was only doing ten miles an hour.

Professor: And I can prove, sir, by the depth of the contusion on my ribs, that I have been smitten by an object weighing seventeen hundredweight and moving with a velocity of 3,600 feet per minute.

"What do you think of these talking movies?"

"Don't like them; they wake me up."

"Why do you feed every tramp that comes along?" asked the husband irritably. "They never do anything for you."

"No," replied the wife, "but it's a great satisfaction to me to see a man eat a meal without finding fault with the cooking."

School Inspector: "Would any of you boys like to ask me a question?"

Pupil (fed up): "Please sir, what time does your train go?"

Mother: "And what have you bought granddad for his Christmas present, Tony?"

Tony: "I've bought him a nice pipe, mummy."

Mother: "But don't you know that granddad doesn't smoke, Tony?"

Tony: "Yes, mummy, but it will do nicely for me to blow bubbles."

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STUDENT CHARGED.

SEQUEL TO "HORSEPLAY"
AT XMAS.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS HEARING.

The Criminal Sessions proceedings in respect of the death of a student twelve hours after he had been struck on the head in the Club Room of the South China Athletic Association, China Building, on Christmas night, opened this morning before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood.

A Chinese youth, Lo Ching-hing, is charged with the manslaughter of Ho Kwong-hoi.

At the outset of the case, His Honour disallowed a plea by a member of the jury to be exempted from service. The jurymen stated he was the veterinary surgeon to the Dairy Farm Co. and was liable to be called away.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin was for the defence.

Outlining the case Mr. H. K. Holmes (for the Crown) said the events took place on December 25 when the deceased, who was a schoolboy, was sitting on a sofa in the Association's premises. The prisoner went up to him and touched his cheeks, and apparently resenting this, he made an attempt to kick the prisoner. The latter pushed the other boy back on to the sofa but he got up again and was then struck by the prisoner on the side of the head.

An Unlucky Blow.

He went home feeling "out of sorts" and died the following morning. The case the Crown desired to bring home was that the accused struck the deceased and unluckily killed him. It was not put higher than that. Although the accused started the quarrel or affair he might in his turn have received some provocation by the deceased kicking his shins. The blow as a blow was not accidental but it was intentional and unlawful and the deceased would not have died but for the injury caused by the blow.

The mother of deceased was called to give evidence and in cross examination by Mr. Jenkin she said the boy told her he had fallen down in the street. He did not say he had hurt his head. In answer to the jury witness said, a Chinese doctor was called in and prescribed medicine which was administered. He did not say what the boy was suffering from but said his condition was serious.

A schoolboy who was present at the time described what had taken place and said that when Lo rose from the sofa he appeared to be angry.

In answer to Mr. Jenkin witness agreed that six people had given evidence as eye witnesses. Some of the latter were friends of the witness.

Mr. Jenkin—Prisoner and deceased were very good friends—I should not say so.

They were chums and played together?—Yes.

They often fooled about just as they did on this night?—I have not seen such fooling about before.

Skull In Court.

Dr. Alexander Cannon, who made a post mortem examination described the nature of the injuries. Witness also used a skull to illustrate his remarks.

Asked what kind of a blow would cause the injury to the head he had described witness said there was no question that it must have been a blow with something in the nature of a closed fist in order to get the vibration necessary to cause an injury both inside and outside the skull. It could not have been caused by a cricket ball and of any instrument he knew of he thought a fist was most likely to have caused the injury.

Cross examined by Mr. Jenkin, witness said he had experience of four other cases of a similar injury. All were caused by a fist and led to death, although at varying times after the blow.

He thought that in two of the cases the injury was caused by blows struck in a playground fight at schools at home and a third case was, he believed, similar. He thought the other case was one in which two boys were boxing at school without gloves.

The case is proceeding.

The Bedford Russell Challenge Trophy at Murren for ski-jumping, states Reuter, was won by J. Riedell with 149 points, Nixon being second with 143 points, and D. Raburn third with 130 points.

West Ham have come through their holiday programme with only a couple of casualties. Ruffell, their international outside left, got a nasty knock on his knee while playing against Newcastle. Stanley Earle has badly damaged his ankle and will not be able to play against Derby County.

DEC. 7 AFFAIR.

SEQUEL TO STREET BATTLE
WITH ROBBERS.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

Criminal Sessions proceedings commenced this morning in respect of the charges against Chan Hung of the murder of a Chinese constable. This is a sequel to the street battle on December 7 between a gang of four Chinese gunmen and a police picket in the charge of Sgt. T. McMahon in the course of which two Chinese policemen and a second gunman being seriously wounded.

It is alleged by the Crown that the prisoner is the gunman who ran from the scene of the first shooting near the fruit market in Bonham Strand, down the Praya, firing as he ran, and that he shot dead a Chinese police searcher near the Yaumati ferry wharf before he himself was wounded and brought down.

Mr. H. S. Fitzroy appeared for the Crown at to-day's hearing and Mr. Leo d'Almada Junr. was for the defence.

Medical evidence was given as to the death of the constable as a result of a gunshot wound and Dr. A. Cannon was cross-examined as to the probable distance from which the fatal shot had been fired, counsel pointing to the fact that the bullet had not gone right through, deceased as might be expected if, as claimed in evidence, the shot had been fired at almost point-blank range.

Fired Close Up.

In maintaining that the gun must have been fired close up to deceased, Dr. Cannon explained the various factors involved in the passage of a bullet, such as the kind of clothes worn and the obstacles met with in the bullet's course.

Police armourer Greenwood was also called and questioned by counsel for the defence as to the likelihood of anyone having been able to reload, whilst running, a revolver such as was alleged to have been that used by prisoner. Witness admitted that since the shooting affair the gun had been laid up and a certain amount of corrosion had set in, making the parts stiff. When witness examined it about a month ago it was in good working order.

Another Chinese.

Sgt. Flaherty, who was on the scene of the shooting shortly afterwards gave evidence and admitted that so far as the chase was concerned he was only able to say that the man running and firing wore a white coat and black trousers. Chinese constables and others participating in various stages of the chase were then called. The case is proceeding.

Charges are also to be preferred against another Chinese alleged to have been one of the gunmen, of robbery, shooting with intent to kill and unlawful possession of arms and ammunition.

T. U. FUSIONS.

PRELUDE TO FURTHER
EFFORTS.

It has long been the policy of the Trades Union Congress to secure "fewer unions and more unionists," and the general secretary, Mr. Walter Citrine, has now addressed to all trade unions a communication in which he asks for an answer to the three following questions:

Whether your executive is prepared to participate in amalgamation negotiations with other unions.

The extent to which it is prepared to agree to joint working arrangements with other unions. With which unions, in its opinion, is there the greatest possibility of progress being made in negotiations on either or both of the above questions.

The questions have been framed in accordance with the recommendations accepted by the Edinburgh Congress, and replies are requested by Feb. 27. I understand that renewed efforts are being made to promote the amalgamation of the Typographical Association, the Scottish Typographical Association, and the National Society of Operative Printers and Assistants. Mr. George Isaacs, secretary of "Natopa," has written on behalf of his executive to the executives of the two T.A.s asking if they thought any useful purpose would now be served by resuming discussions. It has been suggested, as part of the suggested amalgamation, that women compositors should be recognised within the area in which they are employed.

Correspondent in "Daily Telegraph."

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "City of Benares," are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after February 19.

DAME CLARA BUTT.

MAY VISIT HERE
SHORTLY.

NOW IN INDIA.

Dame Clara Butt, the noted singer, will probably visit Hong Kong and other places in the Far East very shortly according to her own statements made in India.

She was recently staying at Government House, Bangalore, in the course of her tour in the East and was to leave Bangalore for Madras, Darjeeling, Agra, Delhi and possibly Peshawar.

As for her Far Eastern trip, Dame Butt said: "I also want to see something of the Far East and I must see China and Japan. Besides, I've an interest in Japan. I want to see the new Columbia works in Tokyo and possibly produce some records for them there."

Dame Clara Butt came out for a holiday. She is not getting it. That is not to say that she is failing to enjoy herself—on the contrary—but more indicates that a great singer's determination not to sing is only a matter to be overcome when that singer is good-hearted and the public anxious not only to snatch a musical treat but to render tribute.

In Calcutta Dame Clara Butt gave three concerts and then sang at the Cathedral.

"When I started from England," said Dame Clara to a Press representative, "I didn't mean to sing anywhere—at all. But others thought differently, and there you are."

Dame Clara has no stock stories but she related quite a funny incident that had occurred only a few hours previously on her ship's arrival in Rangoon River.

"I was half asleep in my cabin," said Dame Clara, "and trying to get quite asleep, when a voice came 'Anne fyerrarms please.' Pardon, I said."

"Anne fyerrarms?"

"Still I didn't understand."

"What is the matter, I asked."

"Please, madam, have you got a gun? 'No, and a jolly good job it is for you that I haven't.'"

"Shanghai Times."

"TERRIBLE TIM."

ADMITS HE SPEAKS "MANY
ENGLISH."

Shanghai, Feb. 9.

Senor Timoteo Malquitar ("Terrible Tim") peered out through the bars of the small American gaol yesterday and sighed unhappily. Tim, it seemed, longed for the sunshine of his beloved Philippine Islands, for the luxuriant green of the tropics, for the exciting cock fights and flashing-eyed senoritas.

A visitor conversed with the "Terrible One," who is in the gaol awaiting punishment after being adjudged guilty on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He was tried in the American Court before Judge Milton D. Purdy.

"Do you speak English, Tim?" he was asked.

The "Terrible One" drew himself up to his full five feet and answered proudly:

"Sir, I speak many English."

Just like that! Never let it be said that Timoteo Malquitar does not know his onions.

"How many English do you speak, Tim?" the visitor wanted to know.

"One English," he replied.

"Those are all?"

"Yes," rather shortly, too, for the "Terrible One" seemed to be aroused over something.

A Chinese boy brought food to Tim at this moment.

Tim made the sign of the Cross and sat down to enjoy himself.

"Your shipmate, Tim, says he forgives you for having fired two shots at him," he was told.

In the act of spearing a potato Tim paused to reply:

"I no fire the pistol to keel him. He try keel me. I no care. Maybe I go heaven, maybe I go below. I should worry. I got frier-is in both places."

Tim speared the potato successfully and the conversation ended.

"Shanghai Times."

CANADIAN STEEL.

AMERICA TO ENTER
MARKET.

Montreal, Yesterday. The "Star" reports that the United States Steel Corporation has decided to establish itself in Canada and build big factories for the Canadian market and export. The first factory is to be established at Djibway, near Windsor.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

A Chinese woman attempted to commit suicide yesterday, by jumping into the harbour from the Shamshupo ferry launch. "Man Kwong," whilst on a voyage to Hong Kong, she was rescued by a seaman of the launch, and was later removed by the police to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

STAR THEATRE.

BANVARD MUSICAL COMEDY
COMPANY.

"KATJA" THIS EVENING.

Tonight at 9.15 in the Star Theatre The Banvard Musical Comedy Company begins a Kowloon season of four nights. The first place to be presented is "Katja the Dancer," the delightful musical comedy which had a long run at Daly's and the Gaiety in London.

This piece met with instant success when presented at the Theatre Royal last week, and it is sure to go with a great swing to-night. "Katja" will be followed by the delightful comedy, "Mercenary Mary," the musical comedy, "Queen High," which has been played for one night only in Hong Kong, and "The Review of Reviews," which will be entirely new to the Colony.

Comprising the best items of five different reviews, "The Review of Reviews" will be one of the most sparkling productions ever presented in Hong Kong.

Booking for the Kowloon season is at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre. Prices of admission are \$5, \$4, \$2 and \$1. The first two rows of the stalls are \$5, but there are plenty of seats in the orchestra stalls and dress circle at \$4. After the success achieved at the Theatre Royal, a thoroughly enjoyable season in Kowloon may be expected.

BANVARD CO.

OPENS AT "STAR" THEATRE
TO-NIGHT.

For four nights only, the Banvard Musical Comedy Co. will present some of the latest hits from Home at the "Star" Theatre, Kowloon, the programme being as follows:

To-night: "Katja, the Dancer."

Friday: "Mercenary Mary."

Saturday: "Queen High."

Sunday: "Review of Reviews."

"Whirled into Happiness" was presented for the first time here, as the farewell number, at the Theatre Royal last night. Although the attendance may have shown a slight falling-off, the appreciation of the "house" was very high. This fine entertainment—following months of success in London—was well received last night. Mr. John Hagan and Miss Winifred Dalle were the outstanding successes.

CINEMA NOTES.

"YOLANDA"

The great pageant film, "Yolanda," comes to the World Theatre to-day as the chief attraction there until Saturday. "Yolanda" deals with the intrigues and romance of Court life in the days of Louis XI, and is remarkable for some big scenes, notably entire castles with hundreds of courtiers and men at arms. The story, too, is admirably planned, so that interest is maintained to the end. The leading roles are filled by Marian Davies, as Princess Mary of Burgundy, and Ralph Graves as Prince Maximilian of Syria. The former is excellent all through, and proves a most captivating Princess, whilst the role of Maximilian is also well played. Excellent support is forthcoming from the remainder of the big cast.

"TIN GODS"

Three popular screen players, Tom Meighan, Renee Adoree and Aileen Pringle, head the cast of "Tin Gods," the chief picture in the new movie programme at the Star Theatre to-day. The story concerns the old yet ever new theme of "the man who came back." "Tin Gods" will be screened until Saturday, and Kowloon cinema-goers should note that the movie programme ends at 8.30, the Banvard Musical Comedy presenting a piece at 9.15 p.m. each evening, the piece to-night being the big London success, "Katja the Dancer."

JEWELLERY STOLEN.

According to a report made to the police by the accountant of a Chinese jeweller's shop at No. 186, Queen's Road Central, a thief broke a show case outside the shop some time between 7.30 and 8 o'clock last night and stole some pearls, jade, stone and bracelets worth altogether \$725.

CABLE THIEF.

A Chinese described as an odd job cooie living in a hut on the hillside at Salwanho, has been arrested for the theft of 37 yards of electric cable which he cut inside the Talkoo Docks. He was produced before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning and received six weeks' hard labour.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Banvard Musical Comedy Company presents "Katja, the Dancer," Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Magic Flame."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Tin Gods."

To-day—World Theatre; "Yolanda."

To-day—Impromptu dance at the Cheer O', Y.M.C.A., 7.30 p.m.

February 17—Concert and dance, Cheer O', Y.M.C.A., 7.30 p.m.

February 22—Music recital at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

February 24—Cheer O' dance at City Hall, 8.30 p.m.

February 25—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

Sports.

February 18—Hong Kong Jockey Club Race Meeting Happy Valley.

February 17—Golf Match: Ladies' Bogey Competition at Fanling.

February 25—First Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 8—American Lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club, 2.30 p.m.

March 3—Fanling Hunt steeplechases (Spring meeting).

March 4—Sixth extra race meeting of Macao Race Club.

March 14—Ninth bi-annual race for ship's life boats ("Trevesa") Trophy) starting at 4 p.m.

Land Sale.

February 20—Sale of Crown land at Shamshupo, in P. W. D. Offices, 3 p.m.

Lammer's Auctions.

February 20—At 196, The Peak (No. 2 Flat), valuable household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

February 21—At Sales Room, Duddell St., a valuable collection of curios, 2.30 p.m.

Hughes & Hough's Auction.

March 1—At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable leasehold property situate in Peak District, 2 p.m.

Meetings.

February 18—Ninth Ordinary Meeting of shareholders of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., 10, Des Voeux Road Central, 3.30 p.m.

February 21—General Meeting of the Royal Artillery Association, R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks.

February 22—Meeting of Hong Kong Automobile Assn. at Messrs. Jardine's, 5.30 p.m.

February 24—Fourth annual meeting of shareholders in the Hong Kong and Territorial Estates, Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., 7 Connaught Rd., 11 a.m.

February 25—Ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hong Kong & Shanghai Corporation, at City Hall, noon.

February 27—The Hong Kong Tramways Limited, hold yearly meeting at Messrs. Jardine's offices at noon.

February 29—Forty-first annual meeting of the H.K. & K. Whf. & Godown Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine's, noon.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Prize distribution at St. Mary's School (Catholic Institute), Kowloon, 5.30 p.m.

February 17—Annual dinner of St. Peter's Young Men's Club at Lane Crawford's Restaurant.

February 18—Kowloon Bowling Green Club, closing day and distribution of prizes, 3 p.m.

February 23—Annual Show of flowers and vegetables at Volunteer Headquarters.

February 28—Sir Shou-son Chow and Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall entertain Sir Miles Lampson, K.C.M.G., in Chinese Merchants Club.

March 1—Annual dinner of members of St. David's Society, Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 8 p.m.

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	STEP ON THE BLUES	...	
900 D	IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOU	...	
	SOMEBODY ELSE	...	
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Mr. Andrew Caldecott, M.C.S., has taken Mr. H. C. Soli's place as Secretary for Postal Affairs, F.M.S. and S.S.

Mr. P. T. Allan, Secretary for Chinese Affairs F.M.S., will leave for Siam to study the problem of Chinese immigration.

Sick leave has been granted by the Kiangsu Provincial Government to Mr. Yang Shao-han, Chief Judge of Shanghai District Court.

The Japanese Emperor gave a luncheon at the Akasaka Detached Palace in honour of M. Troianovsky, the newly appointed Soviet Ambassador to Tokyo.

It is semi-officially reported in Chinese circles that Dr. C. T. Wang will succeed Dr. C. C. Wu as Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Nanking Government.

Mr. C. E. Phipps, of the Singapore office of the "Standard" Oil Company of New York, is looking after the company's interests in Kuala Lumpur for the time being.

Admiral and Mrs. Mark L. Bristol entertained at dinner on the U. S. S. "Pittsburgh" in honour of Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt and Lady Tyrwhitt, who are in Manila.

Call (Colombia).—More than 100 miners have been entombed in Las Goldondinas mine owing to a cave-in 300 yards below the surface. It is feared that all are dead.—"Exchange Telegraph."

London, January 29. — Nancy Miller, the Seattle girl who was engaged to be married to the former Maharajah of Indore, has cancelled her engagement, states the "Empire News" in its to-day's issue.



Commander Leslie E. Bratton, who as Judge Advocate, will direct the presentation of testimony at the Naval Court of Inquiry into the disaster of the submarine S-4, which was rammed and sunk off Provincetown.

Mr. G. M. Marriott, Kuala Lumpur manager of Caldecott, MacGregor and Co., was entertained to dinner by the staff prior to his leaving for Singapore on transfer.

It is generally expected that the Peking Cabinet will undergo a fundamental re-organisation within a few days' time. The Ministers of Finance, Justice and Foreign Affairs will be among those to be re-appointed, says a "Kuo Wen" report.

Rather unsatisfactory reports have been received in Kuala Lumpur regarding the health of Mr. A. W. H. Hamilton, Deputy Commissioner of Police, F.M.S., who has been spending the latter part of his leave in Florida and the West Indies.

Mr. Ismail Khan, son of the late Mr. Ibrahim Khan of Taiping, who went to England to study for the Bar, has passed with Honours in Class I in the finals of the Bar Examination. Mr. Ismail Khan was formerly a student of St. George's School, Taiping.

The case was concluded before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, in which Mrs. L. R. Castellain summoned her former fiancé for disorderly conduct and the use of abusive language. The Magistrate bound the defendant over in the sum of \$50 to keep the peace for six months.

An erroneous report was circulated to the effect that Dr. Wilhelm Soli, the German Ambassador to Japan, had arrived in Shanghai by the N. D. L. S. S. "Saarbrücken". Dr. Soli, still in Tokyo, accompanied by his two sons, Hermann and Otto, accompanied by their tutor, governess, and nurse, were on the steamer "Mrs. Soli" which left the vessel at Singapore. Dr. Soli is going home later in the year.

Shanghai, Feb. 15.—The Dailbank re-opened this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. J. Towers, of Ipoh and Tasek, celebrated their silver wedding.

The Nationalist Ministry of Finance has forbidden the export of copper coins from Shanghai.



Dr. Sun Fe, Finance Minister of the Nationalist Government of China, and the son of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who has resigned his post, stating that conditions existing made it impossible for him to work out his finance program. It is expected that he will be succeeded by T. V. Soong, Finance Minister of the Nationalist Government which was set up in Canton sometime ago.

Mr. Vezey is coming out from Home by the "Karmala" to join the F.M.S. Police Force as Probationary Assistant Commissioner of Police.

At Lane, Crawford's restaurant last evening, the members of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club and their friends enjoyed another of the popular dances organised in connection with the Club. The "Melodians" of I.M.S. "Tilapia" supplied the dance music, and a merry time was spent by all.

Mrs. Ursula Cameron Darby, whose death in London on Christmas Eve is announced, was the widow of Mr. H. M. Darby, who was the first representative member for Malacca on the Legislative Council. Mr. Darby, in conjunction with Mr. W. M. Sime, O.B.E., founded the firm of Sime, Darby & Co., Ltd., in 1910.

Viscount Shimpel Goto, who returned from Russia a few days ago, called on M. Troianovsky, the Soviet Ambassador in Tokyo, and expressed his thanks for the warm receptions accorded him by both officials and civilians during his stay in Russia. Viscount Goto asked the Soviet Ambassador to convey his thanks to the Moscow Government. Viscount Goto visited Baron Tanaka and reported on his inspection tour.



Brig. Gen. Logan Poland, commanding the marine barracks at Paris Island, S. C., who has been ordered by Secretary Wilbur to Nicaragua with 1000 more Marines in an effort to quell the revolt of Gen. Augustino Sandino, the guerrilla leader there. General Poland will be in command of approximately 2570 officers and men stationed in Nicaragua.

Following the "war" against the pigeons at St. Paul's Cathedral, another drastic thinning-out of the birds was agreed to by Holborn Borough Council. This time pigeons nesting at the British Museum are doomed. The Public Health Committee stated that a firm of contractors were prepared to trap the birds at a cost of £10 a 1,000 or upwards, or £5 for the best possible "bag" up to 1,000. It was agreed to pay the £10 fee.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tate, of Taiping, will be sailing from England some time this month on their return to Perak.

Lieut.-Commissioner W. McKenzie, Commander of the Salvation Army in North China, has arrived in Shanghai from Tientsin.

Mr. P. A. Cox, Shanghai Agent of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company, Ltd., returned to Shanghai from a business trip to Hong Kong.

Mr. C. W. Biddle, of the National City Bank, who has been attached to the Shanghai branch for some time, left Shanghai to join the branch at Hankow.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's troops have been re-organised into three armies to be controlled by Marshal Sun himself and Generals Chen Chung-yen and Li Fao-chang.

The marriage was solemnised at St. John's Church, Kuala Lumpur, of Mr. G. Stn. Maria, of the F.M.S. Railways, and Miss Geraldine Nunn, daughter of Mr. Maurice Nunn, of the Audit Office, Kuala Lumpur, and Mrs. Nunn.

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In the F.M.S. "Government Gazette," the Chief Secretary to Government records with deep regret the death of Dr. R. J. Colbert, Medical Officer, Malayan Medical Service, which occurred at the European Hospital, Kuala Lumpur, on Jan. 30.



Arthur Bliss Lane, formerly secretary of the American Embassy in Mexico City, Mexico, who has been named chief of the division of Mexican affairs of the State Department.

General Chen Tiao-yuan will proceed to Hsuehowfu to direct military operations at the front. He expects to confer with General Chiang Kai-shek first, who now is at Hsuehowfu.

The 25th anniversary of Mr. Yu Ya-ching's connection with the Netherlands Bank was observed on Saturday night, when a dinner was given at the Astor House Hotel. Mr. Yu is chief compradore of the bank, a position he has held for many years.

The American Consulate-General is interested in obtaining information regarding the whereabouts of Mr. L. E. Hoover, Mr. Arthur Morey, and Mr. R. G. Batson. Any particulars regarding the present whereabouts of the above-named persons will be appreciated.

Mr. J. Samuel, Chief Government Vaccinator, Penang, has retired on pension after 38 years of meritorious service. Starting his career in the Medical Department in 1890 as Hospital Assistant in Butterworth Hospital under Dr. J. H. McCloskey, he was subsequently in charge of several District Hospitals.

Charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy with attempting to pick the pocket of a Chinese woman on a Yaumati ferry launch, a member of the "light-fingered brigade" who was alleged to have cut the woman's pocket, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and 15 strokes of the birch.

Pirates in two boats attacked a Chinese boat at Yang Yau, in the south Whangpo recently and robbed it of \$2,000 booty, according to the Chinese newspapers. The boat was carrying a cargo of towels, stockings, etc., and every one of the boatmen who resisted the attack was wounded by the armed pirates. The wounded men are being treated at the local Red Cross hospital.

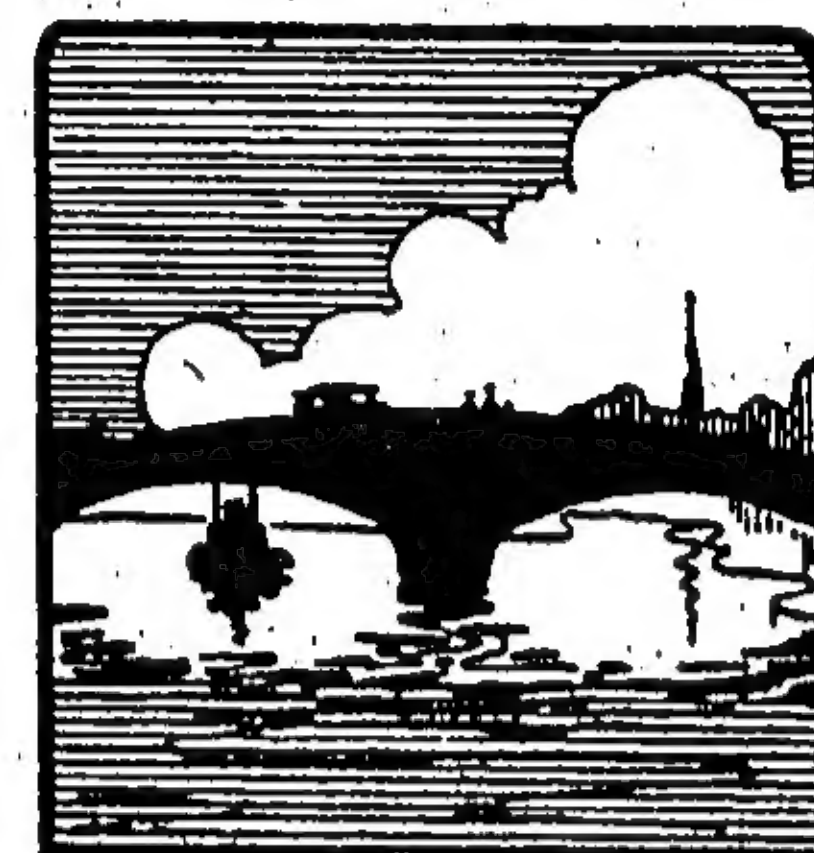
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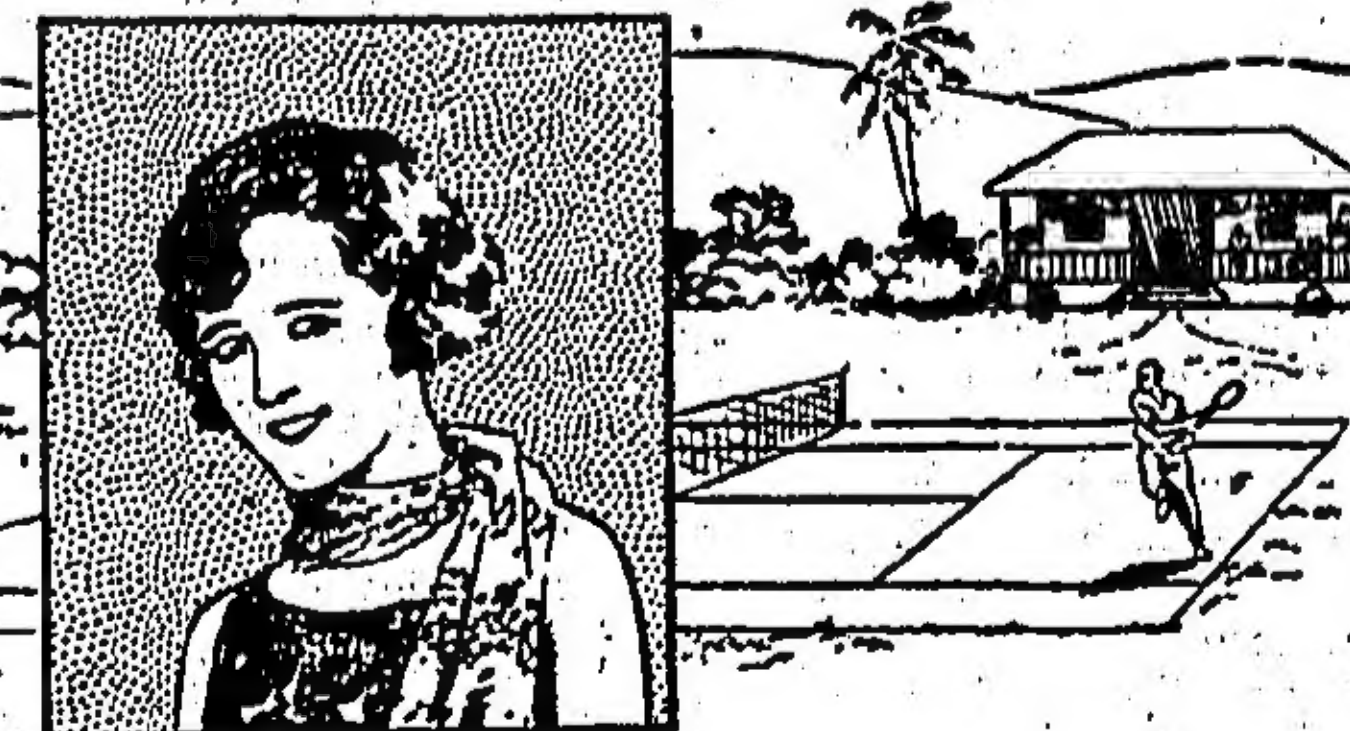
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Principal league football matches played to-day (home team mentioned first) resulted as follows:

The League.

Division I: Derby 2, Liverpool 3.
Division II: Reading 3, Bristol City 2.

Division III (Southern Section): Southend 1, Exeter 2.

Division III (Northern Section): Accrington 2, Tranmere 3.

New Brighton 0, Southampton 1.

Scottish League.

Division I: Motherwell 6, Raith 0.—Reuter.

LEAGUE TABLES.

League tables to date follow:

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	28	14	7	7	73	49	35
Huddersfield	28	15	6	7	47	37	33
Leicester	28	13	7	9	61	33	31
Bolton	27	13	5	9	57	42	31
Cardiff	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
Sheff. Wed.	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
Sheff. U.	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
Sheff. F.	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
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Division II.

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Sheff. X.	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
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Division III (South).

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Scottish League.

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Celtic	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
Hearts	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
St. Mirren	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
Kilmarnock	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
Aberdeen	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
Partick	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
Cowdenbeath	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
Falkirk	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
St. Johnstone	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
Hibernians	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
Dundee	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
Airdrie	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
Queen's Park	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
Greenock	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
Hamilton	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
Raith Rovers	27	11	8	8	48	30	29
Dumfries	27	11	8	8	48	30	29

KOWLOON'S SHIELD TEAMS.

The following have been selected to represent Kowloon F.C. 1st XI in a Shield match (senior) v. R.A.F. on Saturday, at Kowloon, kick-off 4.15 p.m.:—Angus; Wheeler, Doherty, Hedley, Sims, McKelvie, Reed, Kernick, Northey, Muir, Miles.

The following have been selected to represent Kowloon F.C. 2nd XI in a Shield match (junior) v.

FIGURES TO KNOW.

PRIZES AND FORM AT RACE MEETING.

LUSITANO CHAMPIONS SWEEP.

Prizes in the Club Lusitano cash sweep on the Champions were won as follows:

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Mr. H. Carvalho, Macao 7,790.00
Non-de-plume, Tientsin 3,895.00
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for other ponies 2,160.00

Hong Kong Club.

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Mr. R. J. Brown 2nd.
Mr. M. O. Clark 3rd.

Both starters drawn by Capt. C. W. Hallifax, R.N. Other draw-

ers of ponies were Messrs. T. E. Penner, W. F. Simmons, J. C. Clark, C. E. L. Grist, R. K. Valentine, A. Sutherland, C. H. Brangwin, A. Keith, M. M. Maas, E. B. Kelley, J. D. Kinnaird, T. P. O'Connor, T. Dallin and C. C. Stark, C. Engel, E. J. R. Mitchell.

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Hon. Kam-shing, The 429.41
Magistrate 214.70
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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

ART OF BIOGRAPHY.

NOTES ON MEN AND
 METHODS.

It is perhaps scarcely surprising to find at a time when the method of approach or attack on the part of all artists towards their art is changing that biography should also undergo a sea-change. The novelist in Gertrude Stein tries to get outside time; the landscape painter seems occasionally to be trying to rid himself of the idea of space; the poet has long ago thrown overboard the artifice of rhyme if not of rhythm; the dramatist is fumbling after expressionism; the essayist is become half don, half priest; the letter-writer is dead. The biographer is very much alive, but poles apart from his predecessors in outlook and method. "Bismarck," says Emil Ludwig, "resembles the faces painted by Rembrandt, and must be so depicted." To Ludwig the pre-eminent characteristics of the German Chancellor were pride, courage, and hatred. These three traits are etched in deeply. All else is eliminated. We get as a result a brilliant lightning flash of a face, not the whole rounded, complex, inconsequential thing we call soul.

Ludwig has the supreme virtue of being readable, but we are left with the feeling that he has not given us the complete man. Andre Maurois, in his study of Disraeli, is even more readable, has a lighter touch, selects his colours, and puts in his lines with more subtlety. In his hands biography takes on all the charm and the excitement of fiction. A man's life does not just begin with birth and end with death. It is almost theatrically dramatic, and can be divided altogether too neatly into three acts or five. It fits a formula which tends to make us suspicious. Everyone will know more about Shelley from reading "Ariel" than they will from Dowden's far too biased "Life," but few will escape the conviction that Maurois takes as many (if quite different) liberties with the facts to create a dramatic impression as Dowden did to stir our allegiance.

A False Conception. The conviction is probably wrong. It takes an Englishman a long time to believe that the entertaining can be true. It is, so he argues, the province of fiction to be entertaining; and fiction is not fact. Biography is fact and must therefore be turgid, deep, dull, and undramatic. For the most part it may be said to live up to its reputation. Biographies of incredible length, high price, and extraordinary irrelevance pour from the publishers week by week, and (presumably) readers are found for them. No man of importance is allowed to die without having two fat volumes to follow him before the shoes are worn out that followed him to the grave. Few men are allowed in these days of sought and unsought publicity to attain eminence without having biographies written about them while they are still in the heyday of fashion. This is to do the cause of biography nothing but harm. It is like criticising a play at the end of each act.

Quite apart from standing too near their subjects, the modern biographers have adopted an attitude towards their subjects which is none too helpful. Sir E. T. Cook's complaint, that it was as bad to be too candid as sugar-candied, falls on deaf ears. Because, with the exception of Froude, most of the Victorian biographers set out with the idea of seeing nothing but good in their subjects, the Georgians must needs set out to belittle theirs. Brilliant and entertaining as are Lytton Strachey's sketches of Florence Nightingale, Dr. Arnold, and General Gordon, we are convinced that they are unfair. Saints and Sinners.

Anyone who has tried to write a novel or play knows that it is comparatively easy to delineate and to arouse interest in unpleasant characters and extremely difficult to make virtue other than boring. We would far rather that Fuller and Prince had written volumes of Unworthies than of Worthies. The lives of men of letters are infinitely

more attractive than the lives of men of action. Who wants to read the life of Wellington if he has a chance to read that of Byron? Statesmen and bishops do not stand a chance against the poets, for the saints, the men of action are memorable for what they did, a very dull matter; the men of letters, sinners almost to a man, are memorable for what they were, which is always of absorbing interest.

Part of the reason for the popularity of Boswell is due to the fact that we are allowed to see Johnson in the round. It would have been easy to have concentrated, as Ludwig undoubtedly would have done, on his piety. Boswell, quite unconsciously, no doubt, keeps on giving us glimpses of a potential Falstaff in the man which endears him to us at once. He is about as inconsistent as a man could be, and for that very reason, clubbable as very few men have been before or since. The secret of Boswell is not easy to probe. We are agreed that he is not the fool that Macaulay thought him, nor yet, perhaps, the genius that we expect him to be in view of the fact that he produced what everyone allows to be the model biography. He has been called the ideal interviewer, and perhaps that is what the biographer should aim at being, a man of acute perception, who is sympathetic towards but not an idolator of his subject, who is yet willing for the sake of his art to play the faithful hound, ask absurd questions, be snubbed, undergo great discomfort if only he can fill his mind with material out of which, in after years, he will be able to select sentences, situations, and correspondence to help in the building of his work.

Boswell well knew what to leave out. Nearly all modern biographies go needlessly back to the ancestors of their subject, often men and women of no importance and little bearing on the matter. Enormous pains are taken to create a picture of the development of the child by taking us year by year through his nursery and schooldays, conscientiously and severely keeping to a chronological order which has the effect of making us read as if we were watching the sands in an hour-glass during a tedious sermon which we are compelled to sit out. What we really want to know is how he became the man he was, how he came to make the irretrievable mistakes that led to his downfall, the processes of mind that went to the making of the poem or novel or book, or whatever it was on which his fame rests.

We demand, therefore, of biography that it should concern human rather than famous men. The best biographies probably concern men who created but little stir—Dr. Cairns' "Life of Dr. John Brown" is a good example. They are to be written by men of sympathy, but not hero-worshippers, whose eye is so intent upon their object as to refuse to include any irrelevances—we do not want Emily Brontë's Circle: we want Emily Brontë herself, a very different thing.

Brevity, in other words, is the very soul of biography. It ought to be possible to prune it to the size of an ordinary novel and yet to give within such limits a complete and truthful picture. Finally, it ought to stir us to do more than admire the cleverness of the biographer. It ought to fill us with a desire to emulate the energy of the subject and, by his mistakes, to learn how to avoid repeating them in ourselves, for of all aids to self-help there is none to compare with this branch of letters—S. P. B. Mals in "Daily Telegraph."

LATE LORD SALISBURY.

There is no word for the spring of another volume of the biography of the late Lord Salisbury, by his daughter, Lady Gwendolen Cecil. The two volumes already published brought his career up to the time of events still discussable and public men still living. It is felt, no doubt, that there must be a break of some considerable time before the biography is completed.

CREATOR OF "R.U.R."

NOT RECOGNISED TILL LATE
 IN LIFE.

The name of Karel Capek, the author of "R.U.R.," has long been familiar to readers and playgoers in this country, but few of them could have been aware that there was another prominent Czech writer of the same name. This was K. M. Capek, the greatest Czech novelist of modern times, who has just died at Prague at the age of 87. He was born near the frontier between Bohemia and Bavaria, in a district where the Slav peasantry, a sturdy and obdurate race, are known as "Chods," and for this reason he adopted the signature Capek-Chod, which serves to distinguish him from his younger namesake.

He did not achieve fame as a novelist until comparatively late in life. The first of his works which call for special notice is the novel "Kaspar Len, the Avenger," published in 1903, and regarded by many as his finest work. Len, a simple stonemason, on returning from his period of military service, finds that his betrothed has become a social outcast during his absence. He murders the man who was responsible for her degradation, is tried for the murder, but falls dead before the trial can be concluded.

This rather forced and violent ending is typical of Capek-Chod's fondness for fantastic and extravagant episodes, but in other respects the book is remarkably effective. The portrayal of the characters, and notably of the working-class atmosphere, is excellent, while the author's descriptive powers are revealed in the account of the trial, which subtly mingles the poignant with the trivial, the tragic with the humorous.

Studies of Decadence. In 1916 appeared "The Turbine," a large-scale panorama of bourgeois decadence, and this was followed less than two years later by "Antonin Vondraic," another very long novel, dealing with the gradual downfall of a poet who succumbs to the demoralising effects of economic slavery, intensified by his own fundamental weakness of character. "Ad Hoc," a collection of vivid wartime stories, was issued in 1920, and in the same year "Jindra, Father and Son," a novel containing some admirable but ruthless descriptions of wartime Prague. In 1924 came Vilem Rozkoec, a lengthy narrative in which Prague artistic circles are drastically portrayed and a number of characters figuring in earlier books are reintroduced.

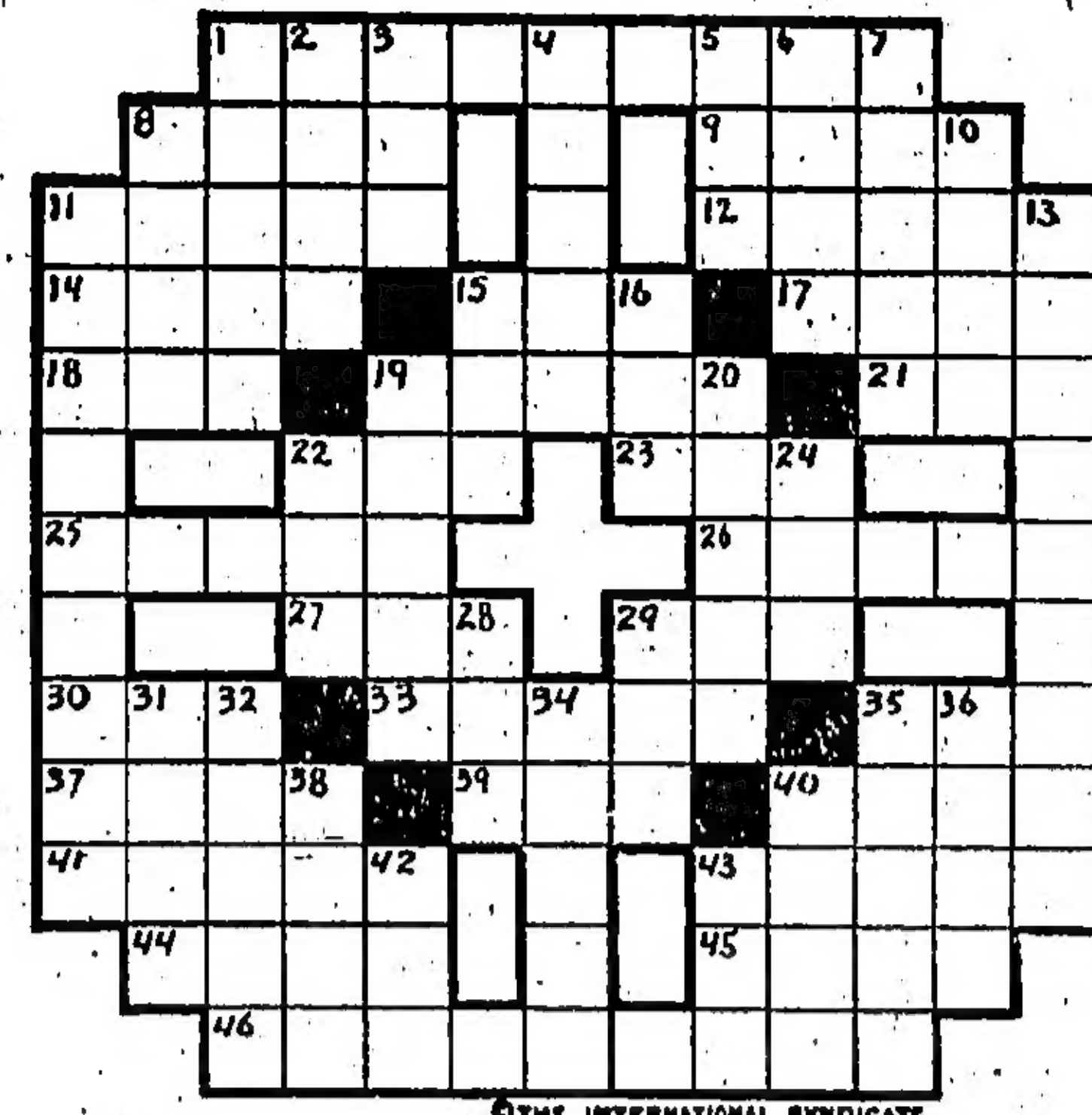
"Resany," Capek-Chod's last novel, was published only a few months ago. It forms a sequel to "Vilem Rozkoec," transferring the action to a provincial town, the life of which is subjected to the same minute and unparaphrasing scrutiny as that of the capital. For this work Capek-Chod received one of the State prizes which the Czechoslovak Government awards annually to various categories of artistic achievement. He appears to have regarded it as the termination of his authorship, for in a newspaper interview which took place only a few days before his death he announced his intention of writing no more.

Business And Art. Capek-Chod has been compared with Balzac, and also with Dostoevsky. With the former he shares a comprehensive vision of society in its most varied aspects. By profession he was a journalist, and his experiences in this capacity had supplied him with an intimate knowledge of Prague and its people which forms one of the most striking features of his stories. He knew the Stock Exchange as thoroughly as the studio, and he was as familiar with the profiteer's drawing-room as with the casual ward.

That this versatility was not superficial is seen by the skill with which he reproduces the most diverse modes of speech. The argot of the day-labourer is handled as accurately as the jargon of artistic circles. The parallel with Dostoevsky is justified by Capek-Chod's profound pity for

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Future probabilities | 37-A nose | 18-To move quickly to and fro |
| 2-A sharp horny nail | 38-Measure of weight | 19-One of the elements |
| 3-Beard of wheat (pl.) | 40-Celestial body | 19-Pertaining to the Carthaginians |
| 11-A particular point | 41-Shouts loudly | 20-Acute spasmodic cramps |
| 12-Disturbance by crowd (pl.) | 43-The Supreme Being | 22-To please |
| 14-To place in an order or rank | 44-To eat carefully | 24-A rodent |
| 15-Quick humor | 45-Part of the head | 28-In no manner |
| 17-Precisely right | | 29-To fasten |
| 18-Writing fluid | VERTICAL | 31-Touched with the toes |
| 19-Overwhelming fear | 1-A fat board | 32-Not hollow |
| 21-Finish | 2-Machine for stretching | 34-Used for cutting grass |
| 22-An insect | 3-To be indebted for | 35-Mixes |
| 23-And not | 4-Unadorned | 36-Consumes |
| 25-Foreign | 5-A vehicle | 38-A suppletion |
| 26-A language | 6-To taunt | 40-A place where two edges are joined |
| 27-An intoxicating drink | 7-To breathe noisily while sleeping | 42-An eye infection |
| 29-A deep cavity | 8-Tribe | 43-Deacon (abbr.) |
| 30-Overcessive pronoun | 10-To stupefy | |
| 33-Pertaining to comedy | 11-In the first place | |
| 35-Large body of water | 12-Sitting much of the time | |

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
 Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

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HONOUR FOR BRITISH WRITER.

Reuter's Agency is informed that the "Samfund De Nio," of Stockholm, one of the most distinguished literary societies in Sweden, has awarded its silver medal and diploma to Mr. C. D. Locock, who has made himself well known for translations of Swedish poetry. During the war Mr. Locock's wide knowledge of languages was of great service in the famous Room 40 at the Admiralty, where intercepted enemy messages were deciphered. Among his best known literary works are Icelandic translations, but he has also turned a number of Malay poems into English and some of Kipling's verse into Greek.

A RUSSIAN STATESMAN.

Serge Sazonov, the Russian statesman of the old regime, who died recently, left a book which Jonathan Cape will publish in the course of the spring. It is entitled "Fateful Years," and it may be said to complete the series of apologies written by European public men who were in high office when the Great War came. M. Sazonov was Russian Foreign Minister in 1914, and so he was able to give an inside, authoritative view of what went on in St. Petersburg, as the capital then was. He makes it clear, we are told, that for Russia it was necessary to support Serbia, or lose her position of benevolent guardianship in the Balkans.

Berlin, January 29.—Foreign Minister Stresemann reported today that an arbitration treaty had been signed between Lithuania and Poland, thus ending a virtual state of war between the two post-war republics that lasted several years.

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General Sir Webb Gillman has drawn attention to this question by recommending the cadets at the Royal Military College, Camberley, to avoid matrimony until they are at least 30.

Famous men in the Army, the Navy, and Air Force have married much later than 30. Here are some of the ages:

Earl Haig 44.
Sir Wm. Robertson 34.
Gen. Sir George Milne 39.
Sir Ian Hamilton 34.
Earl Jellicoe 43.

There is a different story to tell when politicians are considered:

Mr. Baldwin 25.
Mr. Lloyd George 25.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald 30.
Famous men in the legal world married even younger:

The Lord Chief Justice (Lord Hewart) 22.

The Lord Chancellor (Lord Cave) 29.

Lord Merivale 21.

Literary men, artists, and actors were usually under 30 when they married:

Mr. Rudyard Kipling 27.
Mr. G. K. Chesterton 27.
Sir William Orpen 22.
Mr. Jacob Epstein 26.
Sir Frank Benson 28.

Mr. Henry Ainley 24.

Dignitaries of the Church also must be numbered among the later victims of Cupid:

The Archbishop of Canterbury 30.

The Bishop of Birmingham (Dr. Barnes) 42.

Dean Inge 45.

Would-be Army chiefs will no doubt marry at what age they choose, in spite of examples or advice.

"OWD BOB."

DOG SAVES EIGHT SHEEP.

"Owd Bob," a sheep-dog belonging to a Potters Bar (Middlesex) farmer, feels justly proud of himself. When the blizzard around London was at its height on Christmas evening the farmer missed ten sheep from his fold. A four or five days search by farm hands amid six-foot deep snowdrifts failed to locate the missing ewes, which were given up for lost.

At dawn Bob was heard barking at the back door of the farm-house. The farmer dressed hurriedly and went down. There, safe and sound, two of the missing sheep stood bleating in the snow.

Dug Out Unaided.

The farmer drove them into the warmth and safety of the fold, but when he returned to the house the dog had disappeared.

About an hour later Bob turned up again with two more sheep. As soon as the farmer took charge of these, the dog ran off again.

It was discovered that the sheep had sought refuge behind a haystack and the drifting snow had completely submerged them. The dog's keen scent had succeeded in locating them and he had set to work to dig the sheep out unaided. They had been able to eat the hay from the rick and had huddled together for warmth. Their whereabouts were traced by a blood track from the dog's paws left in the snow after he had succeeded in getting eight of them to safety.

Only one out of a flock of 600 sheep embedded in a snowdrift in the Devil's Dyke, Brighton, was lost in the great snowstorm recently.

The flock, which belongs to Captain J. H. Torre-Torr, of Little Buckingham Farm, Shoreham, were engulfed in a great drift which piled up where the sheep had taken shelter among the gorse. With considerable trouble the animals were located, but it was not until three days later that they were all rescued. A number of them were very weak.

CHATEAU BURGLED.

VALUABLE TAPESTRIES STOLEN.

Paris.—The Prince de Robech, who resides in Paris and owns a chateau at Breslot, in the Department of the Eure, has suffered heavy losses at the hands of burglars, who have twice rifled his property. At the end of last month they forced six secretaries and took away silver articles worth 30,000 francs and two gold vases encrusted with precious stones. There are Rubens' and Van Dyck pictures in the chateau, but these were untouched. When the burglars paid a second visit, however, they took away two valuable tapestries, one by Aubusson depicting a village fête of the eighteenth century and the other worked in the reign of Louis XIII, representing Jacob and Esau. The Robech police are investigating the burglars.

ADVERTISING.

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"Advertising has made commercial honesty because it does not pay to sell an article which will not sell itself a second time without advertising," said Sir Charles Higham, addressing the members of the Incorporated Secretaries' Association, at the Cordwainers' Hall, Cannon-Street.

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Eighty per cent. of advertising passed through the offices of the agents engaged in it, and at least one hundred and fifty millions a year was spent in the British Isles alone in advertising, in one form or another, with twenty thousand people engaged in it. There were six advertisers in the world who each spent one million a year for that purpose, the British Government being one of the six, while there were stores in London alone spending half a million pounds yearly in the same way.

SUN ECLIPSES.

THREE ARE DUE THIS YEAR.

Last June's total eclipse of the sun was a glorious spectacle—for those who saw it. Southport and Giggleswick were so favoured. But hundreds of thousands of people assembled on the shadow track, 30 miles in width, that stretched from Cardigan, shire across Northern England to Durham, suffered disappointment by reason of clouds. They saw nothing. This year will provide three solar eclipses, but, unfortunately, little of outstanding interest is to be expected of any of them.

The first is total, on May 19, but that can be only for an instant. As computed, the cone of the moon's dark shadow should just about reach earth, perhaps grazing it, perhaps not. All depends upon an extreme nicety of calculation. The sun may be expected to be covered sufficiently to give momentarily a total eclipse. As that, however, can only occur in a small region of the South Atlantic Ocean, it has small value. Partial eclipse will be visible on this occasion only south of the equator.

A partial solar eclipse on June 17, and that very small, will not be seen from Great Britain.

"Visible at Greenwich" is recorded of the third solar eclipse, on Nov. 12, and that gives more promise. Again it is only a partial eclipse, and again it is of small proportions, barely one-fifth of the sun's face being covered as the spectacle, is seen from London. It begins soon after sunrise, and as early 8h 28min the greatest phase is reached. The partial eclipse lasts nearly an hour and a half, first contact being at 7h 40min, and the moon passes off the sun at 9h 18min.

REJUVENATION.

Scientists tell us that man need never grow old, that it is his deliberate neglect to conserve his functional balance that limits his days to the Scriptural three score years and ten.

There is no longer need to seek the fountain of youth in out-of-the-way places. The chart to its recovery is in the hands of all. That chart points clearly to the maintenance of the human system in normal functional balance, by the judicious employment of media that re-inforce natural function and thereby help to ward off illness.

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SPY STORY.

PLOT AGAINST A WARSHIP.

LONG TRIAL.

Berlin.—An espionage trial of unusual dimensions and interest was opened before the Supreme Court at Leipzig. Nearly 100 witnesses will be called, and the hearing is expected to last three weeks. The most unusual feature of the case is, however, that the presiding judge announced his intention of taking in public sittings all the evidence with the possible exception of that of experts from the War Ministry.

This is quite a new departure. The scores of espionage charges which have been preferred during the past few years have almost all been tried throughout in camera, and the public has had but the faintest idea of the facts on which they have been built up. There are, however, special circumstances in the present case which may account for the anomaly. It is said that a great deal of the information which was received from the accused men by the Polish Intelligence Department, and which largely dealt with the connections between the Reichswehr and illegal semi-military organisations, was passed on to the German Press. These articles are stated to have played a big part in the negotiations as to the withdrawal of Allied military control from Germany, and to have retarded the entrance of Germany into the League of Nations.

According to the prosecution, however, much of the accused persons' information was invented by them, so that the public hearing may place upon the pacifists the double odium of trafficking with a potential enemy and circulating false accusations which have caused demonstrable injury to the Fatherland. At the same time, a charge of disclosing military secrets cannot be based on the sale of falsehoods, and, if only for the sake of his own indictment, the State Prosecutor was compelled to admit that some of the defendants' confidential information was correct.

Remarkable Career.

Johann Schreck, the chief of the three accused men, has had a remarkable and typical career. He is the son of a Bavarian mason, and, starting in his father's trade, gradually worked his way up to a leading position in civil engineering. At the outbreak of the war he was chief engineer to a big company in Berlin. He then, however, moved to Switzerland, where his activities were veiled with a certain amount of mystery. Under examination he stated that he worked there for the German Intelligence Department, for whom he arranged the transport across Swiss territory of a consignment of explosives with which it had been arranged that Italian Anarchists should blow up an Italian battleship. However, the Swiss police got wind of his scheme, and arrested him. By an arrangement with the Bavarian Legation in Bern, he feigned paralysis, and through a deft exchange of tubes containing spinal serum convinced the Swiss doctors that he was suffering from this disease, and got himself removed to hospital. Then a clothes line was smuggled to him by agents of the Legation, and with the help of this he escaped. On regaining Germany he was rewarded for his patriotic services with the Bavarian King Ludwig Cross.

When the war ended Schreck had a nice little hoard of Swiss francs, some at least of which, the prosecution alleges, were of French origin, and with them he was able to play the part of a grandee in the German inflation period. He bought a couple of estates near Regensburg, became a prominent member of the ruling Bavarian party, founded a branch of civic guards, and was elected to quite a number of local governing corporations. His affairs, however, soon took a turn for the worse, and penitence found him almost penniless. The offences with which he is charged are said to have been committed in 1925.

N. Kuassukoff, a Russian of no fixed abode, and with 15 previous convictions to his credit, appeared in the Provisional Court on February 9 charged with being drunk and disorderly. The defendant claimed to be an artist and smilingly admitted being drunk the previous day outside the Merchant Service Club. He created such a disturbance in the vicinity that he was arrested. The disturbance consisted of the singing of the accused which he frankly admitted and claimed that he had purposely got drunk as when in this condition he could sing much better. The Court fined him \$10, and as the accused had not this amount he was sent to prison for ten days.

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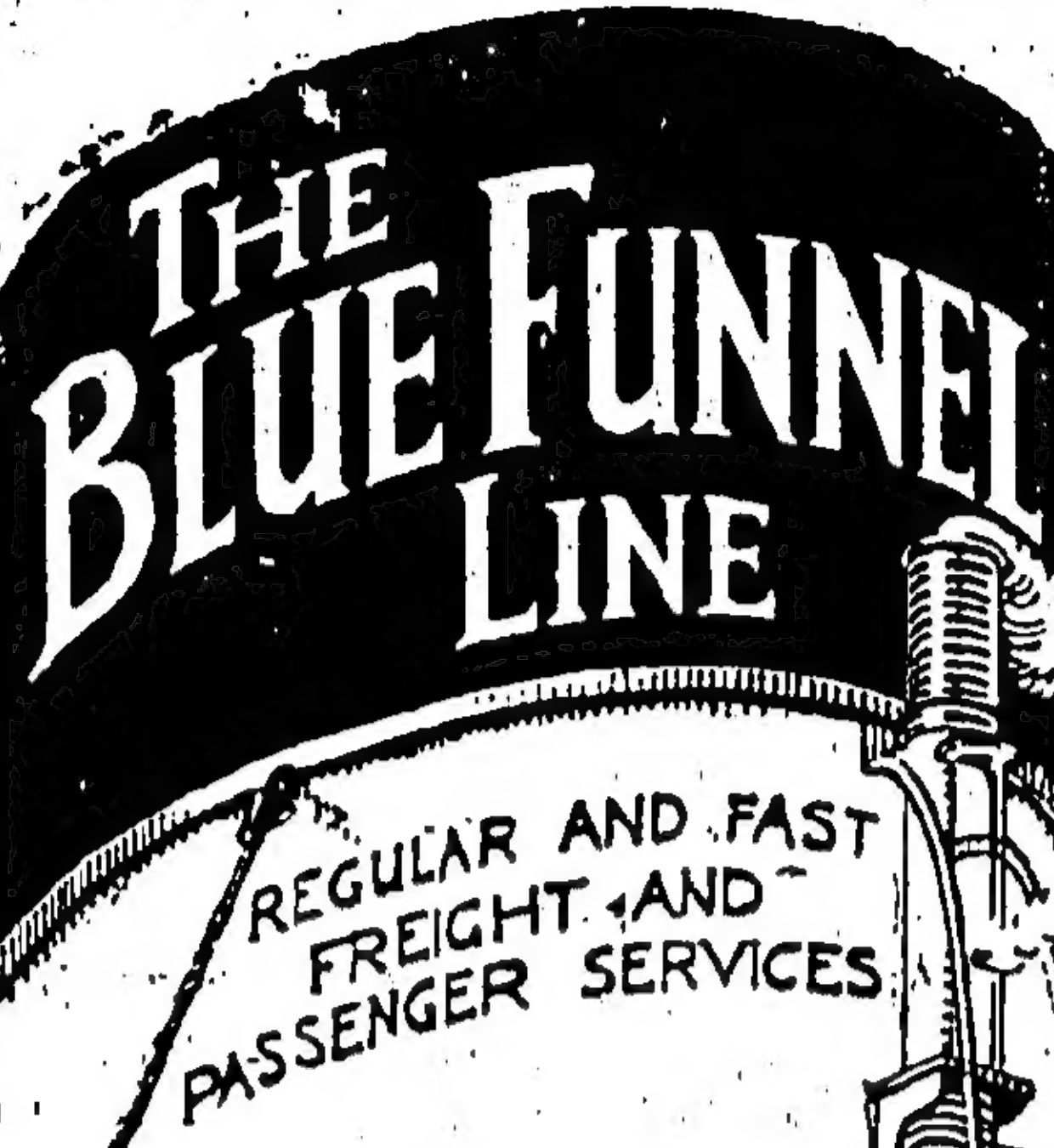
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EFFORTS FAIL.

General Election In Germany?

NO COMPROMISE.

Dissolution To Come After Budget Negotiated.

Berlin, Yesterday.
Efforts of party leaders to reach a compromise on the Education Bill have failed. According to the Right and Centre party leaders the coalition Government can consequently be regarded as dead.
It is understood the Government will now make every effort to push through the Budget, after which the Reichstag will be dissolved. It is certain that Germany will be in the throes of a general election by May 28 next.—Reuter.

BIG NAVY.

PRESIDENT'S VIEW PREVAILS.

"DIALECTICAL PERSUASION."

Washington, Yesterday.
Mr. Britten, of the House of Representatives' Naval Committee, has declared after his interview with President Coolidge, that the latter is hopeful that Congress will pass the Government's \$740,000,000 Naval Building Programme without material change.
One of the most significant points was President Coolidge's eagerness that no time limit should be placed on the completion of the programme but that this should be left to Presidential discretion.
Mr. Britten now supports this. Many of those well-informed believe that while he is obliged somehow to pacify the Republican big navy advocates, the President does not wish to carry through such a gigantic programme, but wishes to use it as a weapon of dialectical persuasion at the next Disarmament Conference.—Reuter's American Service.

LORD CECIL'S PLEA.

COURT OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE.

BRITAIN'S POLICY.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Lords' debate a motion was proposed by Lord Cecil urging the Government, after consultation with the Dominions, to accept the jurisdiction of the permanent court of international justice in judicable disputes by signing the optional beyond the customary system of clause.
Earl Cushendun, in reply, was unable to hold out any hope that Britain in the immediate future would change a policy which had been consistent since 1820, and thought it would be unwise to go beyond the customary system arbitration and take a leap in the dark by signing the optional clause which was not considered really to affect the question of peace.—Reuter.

Lord Cecil's motion was withdrawn.—Reuter.

ACTRESS BANNED.

AMERICAN INQUIRY IN LONDON.

New York, Yesterday.
In connection with the British authorities' refusal to allow the American actress, Miss Alden Gray, to appear in a play in London, the Actors' Association of America has enquired of the American Consul-General in London whether England has an immigration quota and, if so, whether actors are included.—Reuter's American Service.

TO CARRY ON.

LINDBERGH AND HIS FLYING.

St. Louis, Yesterday.
Lindbergh says he does not intend to give up experimental flying. He is perfectly willing to sacrifice his life, if he happens to be killed while flying. He does not consider what he is doing is hazardous, flying in the sense of taking unnecessary risks.—Reuter's American Service.

LATE EARL OXFORD.

Peacefully Passes Away.

PRIVATE BURIAL.

French Tribute To Great Statesman.

As announced in the final edition of the "China Mail" yesterday, the Earl of Oxford and Asquith has passed away.
A later cable from London stated:—
Hope of Lord Asquith's life was abandoned on Monday yet owing to his amazing constitution the ex-Premier lived till 6.50 this morning when he passed peacefully away among his family at his home "The Wharf," Sutton Courtney, Berkshire.
Lady Oxford watched at his bedside for days and nights.
French Gratitude.
Paris, Yesterday.
"Upon his shoulders fell the crushing responsibility of plunging the British Empire into the war. It was he who took the momentous decision for this act alone the French people should bow peaceful homage and gratitude before the tomb in which Asquith is now being lowered, laden with years."

The quotation from the newspaper "Excelsior" indicates the esteem in which Lord Oxford and Asquith is held in France.—Reuter.

Private Burial.
It is stated on behalf of the Earl of Oxford and Asquith's family that he will be buried privately in accordance with his special wishes and not in the Abbey as suggested by the Government. A memorial service, however, will be held at the Abbey on Tuesday next.—Reuter.

The Earl of Oxford and Asquith, better known as Mr. H. H. Asquith, was born at Morley, Yorkshire, on September 12, 1852. He has been Leader of the Liberal Party since the resignation of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman in April, 1908, and was Prime Minister continuously from that date until December, 1916. He entered Parliament in 1886, and represented East Fifehire without a break until his defeat in the General Election of 1918. Re-entering the House at a by-election in 1920, he represented Paisley until his rejection at the poll last year.

Earl Oxford's first office was that of Home Secretary, to which he was appointed in Mr. Gladstone's fourth Ministry in 1892. In Opposition from 1895 until 1905, he became Chancellor of the Exchequer in Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's Government.

Educated at the City of London School and at Balliol, he was called to the Bar in 1875 and took silk in 1880. He was at one time a leader-writer on the "Spectator." He took a prominent part as one of the counsel for the Irish members before the Parnell Commission.

Two Periods.

Two periods, already well attested and documented by contemporary memoirs, stand out in the late Earl's parliamentary career. The first was that which followed his succession to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman as Prime Minister. During the years between 1908 and 1914 he was the leader of a Cabinet which had more than a usual complement of strong personalities and embraced a wide range of political conviction from the Right to the Left of Liberalism. Colleagues of both shades of view have paid tribute to the patience, the imperturbability, and the reserve of strength which enabled him to ride the most stubborn controversies through to an agreement.

The second period opened with August, 1914. Those first months of the war will stand as the climax of the then Mr. Asquith's Premiership. The clash of conviction in the Cabinet went beyond his power to wield it. Lifelong political associations were tested, and some broken. Throughout the discussions, as we have read of them since, the Earl of Oxford stands out among his fellow-Ministers in dignity and solidity of thought and judgment, a national Prime Minister, equal in cool nerve and patient courage to the crisis of a century. Mr. Winston Churchill, in his book, "The World Crisis," has given us the late Liberal Chief's portrait in those days: "Solid as a rock." When the crisis was faced and challenged, it was Mr.

NOT A SUCCESS.

The Pan-American Conference.

INSOLUBLE PROBLEMS.

Conference Closing With Much Business Unfinished.

Havana, Yesterday.
Some of the most influential members of the Pan-American Conference frankly admit that it is confronted with problems, which at present are insoluble.
The United States and the Argentine have notably clashed over the tariff issue.
The Conference will consequently close, as previously arranged, on the 20th inst., with much business unfinished.
During the discussion of the tariff issue Senor Pueyrredon (Argentine) announced that he would not sign a Convention which did not include a reference to the necessity of abolishing the excessively high barriers to the free flow of Inter-American Commerce.
Mr. Charles Hughes (U.S.A.) replying declared that insistence thereon would affect the vital sovereign rights of nations.—Reuter's American Service.

Resigned?
Havana, Yesterday.
Following the non-appearance of the Argentine delegates at this morning's session of the Committee of the Pan-American union affairs a rumour has arisen that Dr. Pueyrredon has resigned the chairmanship of the Argentine delegation and also the Ambassadorship at Washington.—Reuter's American Service.

WAR CONDEMNED.
ANGLO-AMERICAN TREATY ARBITRATION.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, Mr. G. Locker-Lampson stated that the preamble of the Anglo-American draft treaty of arbitration has been communicated to the British Government and contained a clause condemning war as an instrument of policy in the mutual relations between two countries.
The whole subject was being discussed most carefully.—Reuter.

FRENCH REVENUE.

Paris, Yesterday.
The revenue returns for January totalled 3,411,000,000 francs, showing an increase of 118,000,000 francs over January of last year and of 187,000,000 on the Budget forecasts.—Havas.

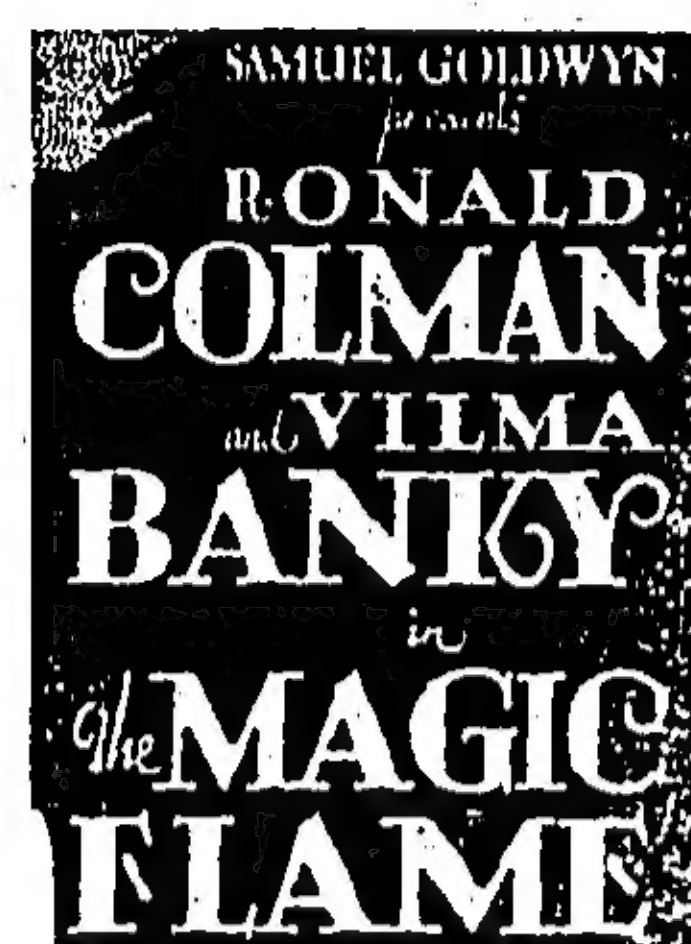
Asquith's full and emphatic phrasing, it for noble themes, that interpreted the determination of the country and first laid down its war aims.

The Heir.

The late Earl's heir is his grandson Julian, the son of the brilliant Raymond Asquith, who was killed in 1916 on service in France with his battalion of the Grenadier Guards. Viscount Asquith, it is understood, will be the heir's future designation. In these days of breathless change, it is pleasant to know that Raymond Asquith's name, below that of his father, has already survived one septennial repainting of the staircase in Harcourt-buildings, Temple, where he had only time to begin what would doubtless have been a distinguished career at the Bar.

Three other sons of the new Earl of Oxford, by his first marriage, Mr. Herbert Asquith, Brigadier-General Arthur Asquith, and Mr. Cyril Asquith, all served with distinction in the war. Their sister, Lady Bonham Carter, who married her father's Private Secretary, Sir Maurice (then Mr.) Bonham Carter, in 1915, is a gifted speaker. By his second marriage with Miss Margot Tennant, daughter of the late Sir Charles Tennant, Bt., which took place in 1894, the late Earl had one son and one daughter.—Mr. Anthony Asquith, recently an undergraduate at Balliol, and an amateur musician of repute, and Princess Antoine Bibesco, wife of the Roumanian Minister at Washington, whose decided literary gifts expressed in several books, have a curious affinity with the work of Schnitzer.

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